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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Mass. Secretary of the Commonwealth

OF

MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1939



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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

MASS. *13-8-39*

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, January 1, 1940

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:—

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) Chapter 9, section 17, as most recently amended by Chapter 31 of the Acts of 1936, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the year ending November 30, 1939. A report showing the aggregate vote, both affirmative and negative, on every act or part of an act which shall have been referred by the General Court for acceptance or rejection to the voters of the Commonwealth or any part thereof, or to the city council of any city, during the fiscal year.

## RECEIPTS

The following table shows in detail receipts from fees, etc., for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1939, all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 9, section 1:—

Commissions . . . . .	\$17,475 00
Corporations . . . . .	371,477 43
Limited Partnerships . . . . .	290 00
Trade-marks . . . . .	6,325 00
Sale of Books . . . . .	14,954 80
Certificates . . . . .	3,142 00
Military records . . . . .	102 10
Copies:	
Corporations . . . . .	\$5,580 28
Archives . . . . .	5,232 80
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	10,813 08
Advance Sheets . . . . .	724 00
Vital Statistics . . . . .	2,342 66
Trust Receipts . . . . .	2,087 00
Miscellaneous Income . . . . .	7 60
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Total . . . . .	\$429,740 67

Financial Statement Verified.

Approved.

GEO. E. MURPHY,  
*Comptroller.*

## COMMISSIONS

The number of commissions issued during the year ending November 30, 1939, was 3,877 (a decrease of 99 from the preceding year), of which 392 were without fee and 123 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder. The different classes were as follows:—

Notaries public . . . . .	3,080
Justices of the peace . . . . .	339
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages . . . . .	21
Justices and special justices, municipal and district courts . . . . .	9
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail . . . . .	12
Trial justices . . . . .	2
Clerks, municipal and district courts . . . . .	5
Masters in chancery . . . . .	26
Public administrators . . . . .	19

Special state police officers . . . . .	17
Trustees, commissioners, etc. . . . .	262
Public warehousemen . . . . .	23
Medical examiners . . . . .	11
Associate medical examiners . . . . .	15
Commissioners to qualify public officers . . . . .	18
Commissioners in other states . . . . .	1
Chief Justice, Municipal Court City of Boston . . . . .	1
Justice, Superior Court . . . . .	1
Fall River Board of Police . . . . .	3
Sheriff, County of Suffolk . . . . .	1
Chairman, Finance Commission, City of Boston . . . . .	1
Board of Excise, City of Chelsea . . . . .	1
Executive Secretary . . . . .	1
Executive Messengers . . . . .	1
Private Secretary to the Governor . . . . .	1
Assistant Secretaries, Governor's Office . . . . .	5
State Superintendent of Buildings . . . . .	1
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	3,877

Certificates to the number of 8,031 were issued, of which 1,747 were for certificates for which no fees are charged.

#### CORPORATION DIVISION (Rooms 332 and 333)

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1939, was 2,629 an increase of 191 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1938. They were classified as follows:—

Business corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 156, section 12) . . . . .	2,267
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic etc. corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 180, section 3) . . . . .	309
Fraternal beneficiary corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 176, section 9) . . . . .	18
Churches (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 67, section 51) . . . . .	9
Credit unions (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 171, section 3) . . . . .	22
Insurance company (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 175, section 49) . . . . .	1
Electric company (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 164, section 5) . . . . .	1
Water companies (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 158, section 9) . . . . .	2

The number of certificates of every description filed was 29,628 a decrease of 91 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1938. Of these 2,267 were articles of organization of business corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 156, section 12); 309 were articles of organization of religious, charitable, social and other organizations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 180); 1387 were amendments of Massachusetts business corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 156, sections 16, 17, 42-45); 19,429 were certificates of condition of Massachusetts corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 158, section 37 and chapter 156, section 47); 2,076 were certificates of condition of foreign corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 181, section 12); 1,431 were reports of social and athletic organiza-



tions (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 180, section 26A), and the others were divided among 38 other classes.

There were issued 46 certificates of change of name of corporations (under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 155, section 10, and chapter 180, section 11).

Returns were received of the dissolution of 17 corporations by the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts.

Under the act relating to the incorporation of clubs, charters were withheld in 23 cases, 4 charters declared void, and 11 applications for incorporation withdrawn. Under the law relative to change of name of clubs, 2 such applications were withheld and one application was withdrawn.

Limited partnership certificates to the number of 25 were filed. 2,571 certified copies of the records and certificates were supplied—an increase of 97 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1938.

#### LABELS, TRADE-MARKS ETC.

By General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 110, section 8, which relates to the adoption and registration of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, the duty is placed upon the Secretary of the Commonwealth of receiving and filing such labels etc., and of issuing and recording certificates of record. Under this law, labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement were received, and certificates of record issued and recorded in 238 cases.

Under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 110, section 8, which provides for the assignment of labels, trade-marks, stamps and forms of advertisement, 14 assignments were received, and certificates of registration issued.

#### INSIGNIA OF SOCIETIES AND LABOR UNIONS

General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 110, section 9, provides for the registration in this office of the insignia, ribbons, badges, rosettes, buttons and emblems of societies, associations and labor unions. One registration was received which has been included with the number of labels above given, under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 110, section 8.

#### MARKS AND DEVICES ON CANS, ETC.

Under General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, chapter 110, section 21, which provides for the protection of dealers and consumers against the unlawful use and destruction of milk and ice cream cans, jugs, bottles, jars, tubs or cabinets, one description of marks, devices etc. was received and filed. No filing fee is required by statute.

#### STATEMENTS OF TRUST RECEIPT FINANCING

Chapter 255A of the General Laws (inserted by chapter 264 of the Acts of 1936) provides for the filing in this office of statements of trust receipt financing. Under this law 2,087 statements were received and filed.

#### VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION (Room 334)

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 46, section 17, returns of births and marriages from 351 cities and towns and births from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury for the year 1938, which were received in 1938, cover 63,125 births and 31,904 marriages, an increase of 903 births, a decrease of 1,748 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1937.

Under the provisions of the same law, 49,896 certified copies of records of deaths were received, covering a period from January 1, 1938 to December 31, 1938, a decrease of 2,391 as compared with the returns of 1937.

Medical examiners' returns for 1938 cover 10,238, an increase of 169 as compared with returns for 1937.

Returns by clerks of courts and registers of probate of the decrees of divorce granted during 1938 number 4,599, a decrease of 88 as compared with the returns of 1937.

These figures are fully compiled and analyzed in the annual registration report for 1938 (Public Document No. 1) and were available August 2, 1939.

During the year, 2,736 certificates of births, 864 certificates of marriages and 1,033 certificates of deaths were issued, a total of 4,633. Besides these 1,596 were certified abstracts given for Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims without fee.

There were 44,589 requests for records during 1939.

The demand for records for social security, aid and relief, and other purposes still continues.

Fees received for issuing certified copies of records amounted to \$2,342.66.

25,230 card abstracts of birth records for school, employment, enlistment, welfare and civil service purposes were issued without charge.

There were 9,077 references issued of records of marriages and deaths without fee, for welfare, old age assistance, employment and insurance purposes.

There were 7,387 delayed records of birth and correction of birth records, 880 corrections of marriages and 120 corrections of death records also received.

#### CHANGES OF NAMES OF PERSONS

Returns of 1,752 names changed in 1938 as decreed by several probate courts, were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 210, section 12.

#### ARCHIVES DIVISION (Room 438)

During the fiscal year ending November 30, 1939, there have been made 98 military certificates, 26 typewritten copies, and 21,024 photostatic copies of legislative records and files, maps, plans, corporation records, veterans' discharges, etc.

The following fees have been received and turned over to the Treasurer:

Military certificates, \$102.10; typewritten copies, \$29.50; photostatic copies (certified and uncertified), \$5,203.30; totalling \$5,334.90.

Of the 21,024 prints made, many were free, such as veterans' discharges and other work, including bills passed by the Legislature and other matters for the office of the Secretary of The Commonwealth.

The addition of a second photostat machine of a smaller type has saved much on paper, chemicals, etc.

No photostat work for the reproduction of the archives has been done during the year because of the press of other business.

No volumes of Vital Records were purchased by the State during the year and no more volumes of the printed House Journals have been added as no appropriation was made for the purpose, although 16 volumes (covering the years 1715 to 1739) are now on our shelves and it is understood that several more are now ready to be printed.

Under Chapter 479 of the Acts of 1939, provision is made for the filing of copies of petitions for pardons. From the effective date of this Act to November 30, 1939, two such copies of petitions for pardons were filed in this office.

The work of rebinding, cleaning and repairing the Archives Collection is now completed and the material on file is in excellent condition.

With the constantly increasing number of acquisitions to the Archives, the question of more room becomes very important. The available space is now fairly well filled, as well as the storage room (No. 46), used for less active material, and it will not be long before some provision must be made to accommodate the increased amount of material which we are called upon to keep on file for public examination.



## PUBLIC DOCUMENT DIVISION (Room 118)

During the year 1939 the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: 70,219 volumes of the Public Document Series, representing 78 reports of the several State departments, boards and commissions; 9,000 copies of the 1938 bound edition of the Session Laws, commonly called the Blue Book; 375 copies of the Acts and Resolve passed by the General Court of Massachusetts at an extra session, 1938; 410 copies each of the Massachusetts Reports, Nos. 292 and 293, total 820 copies; 600 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, 1938, total, 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 505 Copies of the Proceedings of the Seventy-third Annual Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Massachusetts, 1939; 800 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-ninth Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1938; 1,200 copies of the Proceedings of the Twentieth Annual Convention, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1938; 800 copies of the Proceedings of the Eighteenth Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1938; 1,500 copies of the Addresses and Messages to the General Court, Proclamations, Official Addresses, Correspondence and Statements of His Excellency Governor Charles F. Hurley, 1937 and 1938; 10,500 copies of the Manual for the General Court, 1939-40; 10,002 copies of the Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for the Police Service of Cities, Towns, and Metropolitan District in Massachusetts, 1938; 2,511 copies of the General Laws Relating to Taxation and Special Assessments, 1938; 1,500 copies of the Statutes Relating to Co-operative Banks, 1938; 1,500 copies of the General Laws Relating to Retirement Systems and Pensions (Chapter 32, General Laws), published under the provisions of Chapter 11 of the Resolves of 1938; 900 copies of the Waverley Researches in the Pathology of the Feeble-Minded, Third Series; 411 copies of edition of the Executive Council report on the return of Votes for State Officers, 1938; 1,876 copies of the 1938 Amendments to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; making a grand total of 115,619 volumes that have passed through this division during the year.

## DIVISION OF PUBLIC RECORDS (Room 252)

*Inspections*

Under the provisions of the General Laws (Tercentenary Edition) Chapter 66, Section 1, there have been made by the Supervisor of Public Records, inspections of the care, custody, condition and protection against fires of the public records of five cities and thirty towns. Five vaults and four safes have been approved by this office.

*Town Halls*

New town halls have been erected in the following towns:—Leicester, Stoneham, and Westport.

*Repairing and Binding*

Records have been repaired and rebound for the following cities:—Chicopee and Holyoke.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND AGENTS' EXPENSES

In compliance with General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 3, sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relative to legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation during the last regular session of the General Court, there were 302 entries made in the dockets, an increase of 38 as compared with 1938.

Returns covering 297 entries were received from persons, associations or corporations employing legislative counsel and agents. Nine employers who failed to file returns within the time prescribed by law were reported to the Attorney General.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel and agents was \$131,788. In addition to this amount \$18,929, representing annual salaries or retainers apportioned, and \$74,405 unapportioned, was reported. Twenty-five employers stated that they paid nothing.

### PROCLAMATIONS

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. For the observance of each of the following 11,000 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks:—New Orleans Day, January 8, 1939; Lincoln Day, February 13, 1939; Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1939; Boston Massacre, March 5, 1939; Evacuation Day, March 17, 1939; Patriots' Day, April 19, 1939; Lafayette Day, May 20, 1939; Flag Day, June 14, 1939; Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1939; Commodore John Barry Day, September 13, 1939; Pulaski Day, October 11, 1939; Armistice Day, November 11, 1939 and Thanksgiving Day, November 30, 1939. Eleven thousand copies of the Arbor and Bird Day proclamation were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks. August 12, 1939 was designated as Indian Day and 6,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 8 to October 14, 1939 and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices. The week of November 5 to November 11, 1939 was set apart as American Education Week and 11,000 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

The week of October 1 to 7, 1939 was designated as Letter Writing Week and 1,000 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the post offices.

In observance of Conservation Week, the week of March 19 to 25, 1939, Humane Sunday, April 23, 1939, "Be Kind to Animals Week", April 17 to 22, 1939, Army Day, April 6, 1939, National Guard Day, September 16, 1939 and Constitution Day, September 17, 1939 proclamations were issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press.

His Excellency the Governor also issued a proclamation to the press designating the period between Lincoln's birthday, February 12, 1939 and Washington's birthday, February 22, 1939 as National Defense Week.

### PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, REMANDERS, REQUISITIONS, ETC.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the year was 13, of which 1 was conditional, 5 granted under parole conditions, and 7 full and complete; commutations, 3; remanders, 8; respites, 4; requisitions upon other States, 65; and warrants issued upon requisitions from other States, 31.

### REFERENDUM PETITIONS FILED

For a referendum on Chapter 191 of the Acts of 1939, that the operation of such law be suspended as provided for in Article XLVIII of the Constitution. Original petition filed June 2, 1939, but not completed by filing of subsequent signatures.

For a referendum on Chapter 318 of the Acts of 1939, that the operation of such law be suspended as provided for in Article XLVIII of the Constitution. Original petition filed June 13, 1939, but not completed by filing of subsequent signatures.

For a referendum on a law, Chapter 238 of the Acts of 1939, signed May 24, 1939, the same being an emergency law. This petition is filed under the

provisions of the Constitution of Massachusetts as set forth in the Articles of Amendment XLVIII relating to the Referendum III, section 4. Original petition filed June 23, 1939, but not completed by filing of subsequent signatures.

For a referendum for repeal of Chapter 454 of the Acts of 1939, which was declared an Emergency Law on August 11, 1939, as provided in Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Original petition filed September 7, 1939; on October 30, 1939, 22,947 subsequent signatures of qualified voters had been filed.

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS

By General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 30, section 37, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments during the year 1939: Department of Conservation, Department of Labor and Industries, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Works, Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission, Milk Control Board and Minimum Wage Commission.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Election Statistics, (Public Document No. 43), have been made, as required by law.

FREDERIC W. COOK,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*



# RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL LAWS (Tercentenary Edition)

WHEN RECEIVED	CITY OR TOWN	SUBJECT AND REFERENCE	ACTION	DATE OF ACTION
1938				
Dec. 9	Gardner	Civil service for laborers, G. L. 31, 3. 47	Accepted	Jan. 3, 1939
1939				
Jan. 5	Wayland	Inspection of buildings, G. L. 143, ss. 3-12	Accepted	Dec. 14, 1938
Jan. 12	Worcester	Pensions for foremen, inspectors, etc., G. L. 32, s. 77, par. (b)	Accepted	Jan. 10, 1939
Jan. 16	West Newbury	Removal of snow and ice, G. L. 40, s. 7	Accepted	Dec. 15, 1938
Feb. 9	South Egremont	Primaries for nomination of candidates, G. L. 53, s. 56	Accepted	Feb. 7, 1939
Feb. 13	Brockton	City charter, Plan B, G. L. 43	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1938
Feb. 13	Quincy	City charter, Plan E, 1938, 378 (G. L. 43)	Rejected	Nov. 8, 1938
Feb. 13	New Bedford	City charter, Plan B, G. L. 43	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1938
Feb. 13	Northampton	City charter, Plan E, 1938, 378 (G. L. 43)	Rejected	Nov. 8, 1938
Feb. 13	Cambridge	City charter, Plan E, 1938, 378 (G. L. 43)	Rejected	Nov. 8, 1938
Feb. 13	Chicopee	City charter, Plan D, G. L. 43	Rejected	Nov. 8, 1938
Feb. 14	Blandford	Use of traps for capture of certain animals, G. L. 131, s. 105B	Accepted	Nov. 6, 1939
Feb. 14	Millbury	Use of traps for capture of certain animals, G. L. 131, s. 105B	Accepted	Feb. 6, 1939
Feb. 16	Lincoln	Vacations for laborers, G. L. 41, s. 111	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1938
Feb. 16	Newtown	Board of survey, G. L. 41, s. 73	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1938
Feb. 18	Northampton	Retirement of veterans of Spanish and World wars, G. L. 32, ss. 56-60	Accepted	Mar. 3, 1938
Feb. 24	Edgartown	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Feb. 17, 1939
Mar. 1	Yarmouth	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Feb. 14, 1939
Mar. 7	Chatham	Civil service for policemen, G. L. 31, s. 48	Rejected	Feb. 21, 1938
Mar. 7	Chatham	Civil service for chief of police, G. L. 31, s. 49	Rejected	Feb. 21, 1938
Mar. 16	Sharon	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1939
Mar. 18	Stoneham	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1939
Mar. 18	Hull	Civil service for policemen and firemen, G. L. 31, s. 48	Accepted	Mar. 11, 1939
Mar. 18	Hull	Civil service for chief of police, G. L. 31, s. 49	Accepted	Mar. 11, 1939
Mar. 27	Dennis	Certain sports and games permitted on the Lord's day, G. L. 136, ss. 21-25	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1939
Mar. 29	Wakefield	Building lines, G. L. 82, s. 37	Accepted	Mar. 23, 1939
Apr. 4	Framingham	One day off in every six days for police officers of certain cities and towns, 1938, 426, s. 2 (G. L. 147, s. 16B)	Accepted	Mar. 30, 1939
Apr. 7	North Andover	Advertising signs and devices within public view, G. L. 98, s. 29	Accepted	Mar. 18, 1939
Apr. 14	Hull	Appointment of school physician as town physician in certain towns, G. L. 41, s. 106A	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1939
Apr. 25	Southbridge	Civil service for policemen, G. L. 31, s. 48	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1939
Apr. 25	Southbridge	Civil service for chief of police, G. L. 31, s. 49	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1939
Apr. 28	Wrentham	Auditing of accounts of towns, G. L. 44, s. 35	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1939
Apr. 28	Shutesbury	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Feb. 6, 1939
Apr. 28	Shutesbury	Use of official ballots in towns, G. L. 41, s. 6	Accepted	Feb. 20, 1937
May 8	Marbleborough	Holding of other office by mayor or alderman or a member of the common council, G. L. 39, s. 7	Accepted	May 1, 1939
May 15	Everett	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, ss. 1-3	Accepted	May 10, 1939
May 15	Everett	Inspection of buildings, G. L. 143, ss. 3-12	Accepted	May 10, 1939
June 8	Worcester	Payment of state and military aid and soldiers' relief, G. L. 115, ss. 3 and 3A	Accepted	June 6, 1939



RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT AND REFERRED TO THE VOTERS, TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF A CITY, TO THE SELECTMEN OF A TOWN, OR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF A COUNTY

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1938 Dec. 19	City Clerk, Broekton . . .	An Act changing the term of office of the superintendent of public buildings in the city of Broekton (1938, 124) . . .	Dec. 15, 1938	-1	-
1939 Feb. 4	City Clerk, New Bedford . . .	An Act tending to prevent multiplicity of proposals for the same change in zoning ordinances or by-laws or in their application (1938, 133) . . .	Feb. 1, 1939	-1	-
Feb. 4	Town Clerk, Belmont . . .	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of the fire department of the town of Belmont under the civil service laws (1938, 27) . . .	Mar. 7, 1938	4,505	1,271
Feb. 4	Town Clerk, Weymouth . . .	An Act authorizing the board of public welfare of Weymouth to appoint a welfare agent, and establishing the powers and duties of said agent (1938, 7) . . .	Mar. 7, 1938	-2	-
Feb. 6	Town Clerk, Dracut . . .	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of police of the town of Dracut under the civil service laws (1938, 8) . . .	Feb. 7, 1938	1,277	1,042
Feb. 6	Town Clerk, West Springfield . . .	An Act authorizing the town of West Springfield to take water from additional sources in Southwick and Westfield and to supply water to Southwick (1938, 10) . . .	Mar. 9, 1938	-2	-
Feb. 7	Town Clerk, Edgartown . . .	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of police of the town of Edgartown under the civil service laws (1938, 37) . . .	Mar. 18, 1938	31	51
Feb. 9	Town Clerk, Greenfield . . .	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of the fire department of the town of Greenfield under the civil service laws (1938, 42) . . .	Mar. 7, 1938	2,698	673
Feb. 9	Town Clerk, Oak Bluffs . . .	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of police and the positions of members of the regular or permanent police force of the town of Oak Bluffs under the civil service laws (1938, 38) . . .	June 10, 1938	100	85
Feb. 13	City Clerk, Lawrence . . .	An Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Lawrence (1938, 161) . . .	Nov. 8, 1938	11,257	11,865
Feb. 13	City Clerk, Gloucester . . .	An Act providing for party primaries in the city of Gloucester (1938, 160) . . .	Nov. 8, 1938	3,036	2,110
Feb. 13	City Clerk, Medford . . .	An Act providing for the holding of biennial municipal elections in the city of Medford (1938, 76) . . .	Nov. 8, 1938	13,176	5,528
Feb. 13	City Clerk, Melrose . . .	An Act providing for the holding of biennial municipal elections in the city of Melrose in odd-numbered years and establishing the date of said elections (1937, 266) . . .	Nov. 8, 1938	6,577	2,672
Feb. 14	Town Clerk, Tisbury . . .	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of police and the positions of members of the regular or permanent police force of the town of Tisbury under the civil service laws (1938, 39) . . .	July 8, 1938	118	23
Feb. 14	Town Clerk, Bourne . . .	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of the fire department of the town of Bourne under the civil service laws (1938, 41) . . .	Feb. 8, 1939	295	519
Feb. 14	Town Clerk, Uxbridge . . .	An Act establishing in the town of Uxbridge the Uxbridge Athletic Field Commission and authorizing said commission to take over, maintain, manage and develop an athletic field in said town (1938, 43) . . .	Feb. 19, 1938	-2	-
Feb. 14	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act with relation to public stands for the use of taxicabs and motor vehicles for hire in cities and towns (1938, 508) . . .	Feb. 10, 1939	-1	-
Feb. 14	City Clerk, Beverly . . .	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of fire department of the city of Beverly under the civil service laws (1938, 203) . . .	Nov. 8, 1938	6,193	2,552

Feb. 14	Town Clerk, Fairhaven	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of police of the town of Fairhaven under the civil service laws (1938, 116)	Nov.	8, 1938	2,659	1,007
Feb. 14	Lowell Election Commission	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of superintendent of city scales of the city of Lowell under the civil service laws (1938, 105)	Nov.	8, 1938	16,288	12,344
Feb. 14	Lowell Election Commission	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of city auditor of the city of Lowell under the civil service laws (1938, 178)	Nov.	8, 1938	18,824	11,406
Feb. 14	Assistant City Clerk, Marlborough	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of police of the city of Marlborough under the civil service laws (1938, 132)	Nov.	8, 1938	3,050	3,305
Feb. 14	City Clerk, Medford	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of city engineer of the city of Medford under the civil service laws (1938, 189)	Nov.	8, 1938	15,746	4,239
Feb. 14	City Clerk, Medford	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the city engineer of the city of Medford (1938, 61)	Nov.	8, 1938	10,998	8,622
Feb. 20	Town Clerk, Barnstable	An Act relative to expenditures of money by the county commissioners of Barnstable county for the purpose of promoting the recreational advantages of said county (1938, 169)	Nov.	8, 1938	8,324	2,528
Feb. 20	Town Clerk, Bourne	An Act relative to expenditures of money by the county commissioners of Barnstable county for the purpose of promoting the recreational advantages of said county (1938, 169)	Nov.	8, 1938	1,273	1,006
Feb. 20	Town Clerk, Brewster	An Act relative to expenditures of money by the county commissioners of Barnstable county for the purpose of promoting the recreational advantages of said county (1938, 169)	Nov.	8, 1938	571	269
Feb. 20	Town Clerk, Chatham	An Act relative to expenditures of money by the county commissioners of Barnstable county for the purpose of promoting the recreational advantages of said county (1938, 169)	Nov.	8, 1938	168	91
Feb. 20	Town Clerk, Dennis	An Act relative to expenditures of money by the county commissioners of Barnstable county for the purpose of promoting the recreational advantages of said county (1938, 169)	Nov.	8, 1938	399	203
Feb. 20	Town Clerk, Eastham	An Act relative to expenditures of money by the county commissioners of Barnstable county for the purpose of promoting the recreational advantages of said county (1938, 169)	Nov.	8, 1938	338	285
Feb. 20	Town Clerk, Falmouth	An Act relative to expenditures of money by the county commissioners of Barnstable county for the purpose of promoting the recreational advantages of said county (1938, 169)	Nov.	8, 1938	117	65
Feb. 20	Town Clerk, Harwich	An Act relative to expenditures of money by the county commissioners of Barnstable county for the purpose of promoting the recreational advantages of said county (1938, 169)	Nov.	8, 1938	923	387
Feb. 20	Town Clerk, Mashpee	An Act relative to expenditures of money by the county commissioners of Barnstable county for the purpose of promoting the recreational advantages of said county (1938, 169)	Nov.	8, 1938	437	309
Feb. 20	Town Clerk, Orleans	An Act relative to expenditures of money by the county commissioners of Barnstable county for the purpose of promoting the recreational advantages of said county (1938, 169)	Nov.	8, 1938	61	21
Feb. 20	Town Clerk, Provincetown	An Act relative to expenditures of money by the county commissioners of Barnstable county for the purpose of promoting the recreational advantages of said county (1938, 169)	Nov.	8, 1938	348	134
Feb. 20	Town Clerk, Sandwich	An Act relative to expenditures of money by the county commissioners of Barnstable county for the purpose of promoting the recreational advantages of said county (1938, 169)	Nov.	8, 1938	546	228
Feb. 20	Town Clerk, Truro	An Act relative to expenditures of money by the county commissioners of Barnstable county for the purpose of promoting the recreational advantages of said county (1938, 169)	Nov.	8, 1938	262	188
Feb. 20	Town Clerk, Wellfleet	An Act relative to expenditures of money by the county commissioners of Barnstable county for the purpose of promoting the recreational advantages of said county (1938, 169)	Nov.	8, 1938	132	50
Feb. 20	Town Clerk, Yarmouth	An Act relative to expenditures of money by the county commissioners of Barnstable county for the purpose of promoting the recreational advantages of said county (1938, 169)	Nov.	8, 1938	148	80
Feb. 21	Town Clerk, Auburn	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of police of the town of Auburn under the civil service laws (1938, 52)	Nov.	8, 1938	410	306
Feb. 25	Town Clerk, West Springfield	An Act authorizing the town of West Springfield to establish a park and playground commission (1939, 7)	Feb.	13, 1939	976	841
Feb. 25	Town Clerk, Harwich	An Act further regulating liens for, and the collection of, water rates and charges (1938, 415)	Feb.	20, 1939	-	-
Mar. 1	Town Clerk, Clinton	An Act authorizing the town of Clinton to pay an annuity to Catherine O'Toole (1938, 137)	Feb.	7, 1939	-	-
			Feb.	27, 1939	-	-



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WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1939					
Mar. 10	Town Clerk, Ipswich	An Act further regulating liens for, and the collection of, water rates and charges (1938, 415)	Mar. 6, 1939	-2	-
Mar. 13	City Clerk, Revere	An Act relative to indemnification of certain public employees for damages sustained through operation of certain publicly owned vehicles (1934, 291)	Mar. 6, 1939	-1	-
Mar. 16	Town Clerk, West Springfield	An Act relative to indemnification of certain public employees for damages sustained through operation of certain publicly owned vehicles (1934, 291)	Mar. 8, 1939	-3	-
Mar. 16	Clerk, Bourne Water District, Bourne	An Act establishing the Bourne Water District in the town of Bourne (1938, 441)	Mar. 9, 1939	-2	-
Mar. 16	Town Clerk, Lincoln	An Act authorizing the corporation known as the Trustees of the Grammar School Fund, in the town of Lincoln, in the County of Middlesex, to convey and transfer, and the town of Lincoln to receive and administer, the funds and other property of said corporation (1938, 49)	Mar. 6, 1939	-3	-
Mar. 17	Town Clerk, Rockport	An Act authorizing the town of Rockport to convey to the heirs of Jillie M. Bartlett a portion of Old Garden Beach Landing, so called, in said town (1938, 79)	Mar. 7, 1938	173	90
Mar. 17	Town Clerk, Bellingham	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of police of the town of Bellingham under the civil service laws (1938, 106)	Mar. 6, 1938	517	475
Mar. 18	Town Clerk, Wayland	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of police of the town of Wayland under the civil service laws (1938, 74)	Mar. 6, 1939	461	627
Mar. 18	Town Clerk, Acushnet	An Act providing for the inclusion of additional public employees within the provisions of the workmen's compensation law (1936, 403)	Mar. 11, 1939	-2	-
Mar. 18	Town Clerk, Hull	An Act authorizing the town of Hull to contribute toward the cost of steamboat service between said town and the city of Boston (1939, 34)	Mar. 11, 1939	-3	-
Mar. 18	Town Clerk, Hull	An Act relative to nomination of candidates for town office other than those of political or municipal parties (1936, 204)	Mar. 11, 1939	-3	-
Mar. 27	Town Clerk, Dennis	An Act providing for the inclusion of additional public employees within the provisions of the workmen's compensation law (1936, 403)	Mar. 7, 1939	-3	-
Mar. 27	Town Clerk, Dennis	An Act relative to indemnification of certain public employees for damages sustained through operation of certain publicly owned vehicles (1934, 291)	Mar. 7, 1939	-3	-
Mar. 30	Town Clerk, Winchester	An Act relative to indemnification of certain public employees for damages sustained through operation of certain publicly owned vehicles (1934, 291)	Mar. 7, 1939	-3	-
Apr. 4	Town Clerk, Framingham	An Act providing for the inclusion of additional public employees within the provisions of the workmen's compensation law (1936, 403)	Mar. 20, 1939	-3	-
Apr. 13	Town Clerk, Great Barrington	An Act authorizing the transfer by the Great Barrington Fire District to the town of Great Barrington of the franchise and other rights and privileges of said district in so far as they relate to the fire department of said district and to the sewers and sidewalks within its limits (1938, 126)	Mar. 30, 1939	-3	-
Apr. 14	Town Clerk, Upton	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of police of the town of Upton under the civil service laws (1938, 127)	Apr. 22, 1938	20	155
			Feb. 6, 1939	257	406



Apr. 20	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act providing that the custodian of tax title property in the city of New Bedford be appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the city council, and relative to the tenure and compensation of such custodian (1939, 80)	Apr.	17, 1939	-4
Apr. 22	Town Clerk, Agawam	An Act authorizing the town of Agawam to pay certain moneys on account of deaths and injuries suffered by certain officers of said town in the performance of duty (1938, 118)	May	9, 1938	-2
Apr. 22	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act relative to the appointment of deputy election officers in certain cities (1932, 76)	Apr.	18, 1939	-5
Apr. 26	City Clerk, Medford	An Act tending to prevent multiplicity of proposals for the same change in zoning ordinances or by-laws or in their application (1938, 133)	Apr.	21, 1939	-5
Apr. 28	Town Clerk, Shutesbury	An Act authorizing the town of Shutesbury to use all or any part of Centre Cemetery and a certain way in said town for school and school yard purposes (1937, 187)	Feb.	7, 1938	-3
May 2	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the disposition of the accumulated deductions of deceased members of the Boston Retirement System, so called, in certain cases (1939, 131)	May	1, 1939	-4
May 4	Secretary, Norfolk County Commissioners	An Act to provide for a fire sprinkler system in certain buildings at the Norfolk County Tuberculous Hospital (1939, 38)	May	2, 1939	-6
May 19	City Clerk, Westfield	An Act regulating the hours for opening and closing the polls at municipal elections in the city of Westfield (1938, 40)	July	7, 1938	-4
May 19	City Clerk, Boston	An Act extending the time for the acquisition by the city of Boston of certain property of the Dedham and Hyde Park Gas and Electric Light Company located within said city and the lease thereof to the Boston Consolidated Gas Company (1938, 15)	June	6, 1938	-
May 26	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the county of Suffolk to pay a sum of money to the widow of John A. Keiher, late sheriff of said county (1939, 211)	May	25, 1939	-4
June 2	Town Clerk, Bellingham	An Act providing for the inclusion of additional public employees within the provisions of the workmen's compensation law (1936, 403)	May	29, 1939	-3
June 12	City Clerk, Melrose	An Act relative to the holding, management and control of the athletic field located on Lynn Fells Parkway and Tremont Street in the city of Melrose (1939, 222)	June	7, 1939	-8
June 19	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act relative to the pensions of laborers, foremen, inspectors, mechanics, draw tenders, assistant draw tenders and storekeepers in the employ of certain cities and towns (1936, 290)	June	13, 1939	-5
June 22	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Middlesex to pay certain sums of money to Sadie J. Smith and Florence T. Fletcher of Medford (1939, 215)	June	20, 1939	-9
June 26	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act establishing a board of trustees of the Belmont Hospital in the city of Worcester, and defining their powers and duties (1939, 276)	June	20, 1939	-4
June 29	Town Clerk, Framingham	An Act authorizing the town of Framingham to pay a certain claim legally unenforceable by reason of its failure to comply with certain provisions of its by-laws (1939, 130)	June	26, 1939	-2
June 29	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act relative to the construction of sewers and drains, and to assessments and the rate of interest on unpaid assessments therefor, in the city of Worcester (1939, 282)	June	27, 1939	-4
July 10	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the pensioning of certain members of the fire department of the city of Boston (1939, 237)	July	7, 1939	-4
July 13	City Clerk, Melrose	An Act relative to the construction of certain main and particular sewers in the easterly section of the city of Melrose (1939, 226)	July	12, 1939	-5
July 26	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act authorizing the city of Springfield to reimburse the widow of Carl Rolf for the expenses of his funeral (1939, 289)	July	24, 1939	-4
Aug. 1	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act to authorize the county commissioners of the county of Essex to rebuild the roadway floor of the Duck Bridge over the Merrimack River in the city of Lawrence (1939, 314)	July	28, 1939	-10
Aug. 8	Clerk, Plymouth County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of Plymouth County to make certain improvements at the Plymouth County Hospital in the town of Hanson (1939, 262)	June	27, 1939	-11
Aug. 9	City Clerk, Medford	An Act requiring action of city councils accepting provisions of law permitting absentee voting at regular city elections to be taken at least ninety days before the first elections to which such provisions will apply (1939, 152)	July	31, 1939	-5

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				Yes	No
1939 Aug. 10	City Clerk, Westfield	An Act tending to prevent multiplicity of proposals for the same change in zoning ordinances or by-laws or in their application (1938, 133)	Aug. 4, 1939	4	—
Aug. 22	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay an annuity to Ernest E. Fewkes of Newton (1939, 386)	Aug. 21, 1939	4	—
Sept. 1	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act providing for the funding of overlay deficits and other items by the city of New Bedford (1939, 444)	Aug. 28, 1939	4	—
Sept. 7	Town Clerk, Billerica	An Act authorizing the town of Billerica to furnish water to certain inhabitants of the town of Bedford (1939, 185)	Aug. 25, 1939	3	—
Sept. 19	City Clerk, Newton	An Act providing an improved method of municipal planning (1936, 211)	Aug. 20, 1939	3	—
Sept. 20	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the Essex County Sanatorium (1939, 448)	Sept. 12, 1939	10	—
Oct. 2	Town Clerk, Bedford	An Act authorizing the town of Billerica to furnish water to certain inhabitants of the town of Bedford (1939, 185)	Sept. 28, 1939	2	—
Oct. 10	Town Clerk, Reading	An Act providing for the drainage of the low lands adjacent to Lake Quannapowitt in the town of Reading (1939, 458)	Oct. 2, 1939	300	138
Oct. 11	Town Clerk, Brookline	An Act providing an improved method of municipal planning (1936, 211)	Oct. 3, 1939	3	—
Oct. 17	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act providing for the funding of overlay deficits and other items by the city of New Bedford (1939, 444)	Aug. 24, 1939	4	—
Oct. 24	Town Clerk, Fairhaven	An Act to authorize the town of Fairhaven to supply the district called Sconticut Neck with water (1939, 350)	Aug. 31, 1939	57	46
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Gardner	An Act to establish the salaries of the mayor and the city council of the city of Gardner (1939, 184)	Nov. 7, 1939	3,255	2,236

<sup>7</sup> Rejected by the city council.  
<sup>8</sup> Accepted by the board of aldermen and park commission.  
<sup>9</sup> Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.  
<sup>10</sup> Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.  
<sup>11</sup> Accepted by the county commissioners of Plymouth County.

<sup>1</sup> Accepted by the mayor and city council.  
<sup>2</sup> Adopted by unanimous vote.  
<sup>3</sup> Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.  
<sup>4</sup> Accepted by the city council.  
<sup>5</sup> Accepted by the board of aldermen.  
<sup>6</sup> Accepted by the county commissioners of Norfolk County.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

*Mass.* Secretary of the Commonwealth

OF

MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1940



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STATE HOUSE, BOSTON  
MASS. OFFICIALS

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ATTORNEY GENERAL



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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, January 1, 1941

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:—*

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, chapter 9, section 17, as amended, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the year ending November 30, 1940; also included are the returns from cities and towns relative to action taken under certain provisions of General Laws, and returns relative to the acceptance or rejection of certain Special Acts passed by the General Court, which returns were received during the fiscal year 1940.

In further compliance with law, I submit the following recommendations:

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Article XLV of the Amendments to the Constitution provides that "The general court shall have power to provide by law for voting by qualified voters of the Commonwealth who, at the time of an election, are absent from the city or town of which they are inhabitants in the choice of any officer to be elected or upon any question submitted at such election." Because of the large number of applications preceding the last election, and with the conviction that this privilege should be extended to unfortunates deprived of the right to vote because of physical disability, I respectfully renew the recommendation which I have several times made to the General Court, that the provisions of said article be extended to include qualified voters who, by reason of physical disability, are unable to cast their votes at the polling place in person.

2. Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution, General Provisions, III, Form of Ballot, provides for the form in which questions relating to amendment to the Constitution or laws submitted to the people shall be printed on the ballot. Under the present law the Attorney General has not authority to condense these questions. It is my belief that such authority should be given in order that questions on the ballot may be more briefly expressed. I therefore again recommend an amendment to that part of the Constitution above mentioned by inserting after the words "attorney general" in the third line the words:—or by the title of such amendment or law if in his opinion such title is sufficient, and by inserting after the word "description" where it occurs in the second and third paragraphs in each instance the words:—or title.

## RECEIPTS

The following table shows in detail receipts from fees, etc., for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1940, all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 9, section 1:—

Commissions . . . . .	\$ 16,950 00
Corporations . . . . .	375,950 49
Limited Partnerships . . . . .	290 00
Trade-marks . . . . .	5,725 00
Sale of Books . . . . .	28,362 24
Certificates . . . . .	3,045 00
Military Records . . . . .	50 40
Copies:	
Corporation . . . . .	\$5,959 90
Archives . . . . .	3,319 66
	9,279 56

Advance Sheets . . . . .	2 00
Vital Statistics . . . . .	4,700 50
Trust Receipts . . . . .	2,134 00
Miscellaneous Income . . . . .	835 05
Total . . . . .	<u>\$447,324 24</u>

Financial Statement Verified.

Approved.

GEO. E. MURPHY,  
*Comptroller.*

#### COMMISSIONS

The number of commissions issued during the year ending November 30, 1940, was 3,738 (a decrease of 139 from the preceding year), of which 348 were without fee and 102 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder. The different classes were as follows:—

Notaries public . . . . .	3,036
Justices of the peace . . . . .	319
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages . . . . .	16
Justices and special justices, municipal and district courts . . . . .	19
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail . . . . .	5
Trial justices . . . . .	7
Clerks, municipal and district courts . . . . .	4
Masters in chancery . . . . .	13
Public administrators . . . . .	6
Special state police officers . . . . .	38
Trustees, commissioners, etc. . . . .	167
Public warehousemen . . . . .	22
Medical examiners . . . . .	19
Associate medical examiners . . . . .	15
Commissioners to qualify public officers . . . . .	5
Commissioners in other states . . . . .	1
Justices, Superior Court . . . . .	2
Fall River Board of Police . . . . .	1
Judges, Probate and Insolvency . . . . .	3
Finance Commission, City of Boston . . . . .	2
Board of Excise, City of Chelsea . . . . .	1
Licensing Board, City of Boston . . . . .	1
Executive Messenger . . . . .	1
Register of Probate and Insolvency . . . . .	1
Assistant Secretary to the Governor . . . . .	1
Recorder, Land Court . . . . .	1
Supervisors of Election, Revere . . . . .	32

3,738

Certificates to the number of 7,617 were issued, of which 1,527 were for certificates for which no fees are charged.

#### CORPORATION DIVISION (Rooms 332 and 333)

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1940, was 2,565, a decrease of 64 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1939. They were classified as follows:—

Business corporations . . . . .	2,194
Religious, charitable, social, educational, musical, athletic, etc. corporations . . . . .	297
Fraternal beneficiary corporations . . . . .	16

Churches . . . . .	14
Credit unions . . . . .	44

The number of certificates of every description filed was 30,229, an increase of 601 as compared with the fiscal year ending November 30, 1939.

They were classified as follows:—

Articles of organization of the five classes of corporations mentioned above:	2,565
Certificates of organization of cemetery corporations:	3
Issues of capital of business corporations:	546
Increases of capital of business corporations:	256
Reductions of capital of business corporations:	154
Amendments of business corporations:	416
Increase of capital of gas and electric light corporation:	1
Reduction of capital of gas and electric light corporation:	1
Amendments of gas and electric light corporations:	2
Payment of capital of water company:	1
Increase of capital of water company:	1
Increase of capital of trust company:	1
Reductions of capital of trust companies:	10
Amendment of insurance company:	1
Amendments of fraternal beneficiary corporations:	3
Amendments of religious, charitable, educational, musical, athletic, etc. corporations:	13
Changes of name of non-business corporations:	62
Certificates of condition of Mass. business corporations:	19,892
Certificates of condition of Mass. public service corporations:	141
Reports of social and athletic corporations:	1,500
Certificates of condition of foreign corporations:	2,080
Increases of capital of foreign corporations:	5
Reductions of capital of foreign corporations:	49
Appointment of attorney by foreign person or partnership:	9
Approval of issue of stocks or bonds of gas and electric light companies:	4
Approval of change of par value of stock of gas and electric light company:	1
Approval of issue of stock or bonds of water company:	4
Approval of reduction of capital of street railway company:	1
Contracts of railroad and street railway companies:	26
Certificates of clerks of various courts in re dissolutions of corporations:	26
Petition for surrender of charter and dissolution:	1
Certificates of revival of corporations:	18
Certificates of consent to change of location of social and athletic corporations:	40
Notification to trust company:	1
Lists of stockholders of street railway corporations:	2
Trust company by-laws:	2
Certificates of limited partnerships:	27
Trade-marks:	203
Insignia of labor unions and similar organizations:	3
Assignments of trade-marks:	23
Statements of trust receipt financing:	2,134
Appointment of administrator	1
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	30,229
Non-business charters withheld:	29
Non-business charters declared void:	4
Non-business applications for incorporation withdrawn:	11
Non-business applications for change of name withdrawn:	3
Certified copies supplied:	2,754

## VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION (Room 334)

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 46, section 17, returns of births and marriages from 351 cities and towns and births from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury for the year 1939, which were received in 1939, cover 63,307 births and 38,784 marriages, an increase of 182 births, an increase of 6,880 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1938.

Under the provisions of the same law, 50,907 certified copies of records of deaths were received, covering a period from January 1, 1939 to December 31, 1939, an increase of 1,011 as compared with the returns of 1938.

Medical examiners' returns for 1939 cover 10,353, an increase of 115 as compared with returns for 1938.

Returns by clerks of courts and registers of probate of the decrees of divorce granted during 1939 number 4,425, a decrease of 174 as compared with the returns of 1938.

These figures are fully compiled and analyzed in the annual registration report for 1939 (Public Document No. 1) and were available August 2, 1940.

During the year 7,071 certificates of births, 1,264 certificates of marriages and 1,244 certificates of deaths were issued, a total of 9,579. Besides these 1,611 were certified abstracts given for Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims without fee.

There were 57,146 requests for records during 1940, an increase of 12,557 as compared with requests received during the preceding year.

The demand for records for social security, aid and relief, and other purposes still continues.

Fees received for issuing certified copies of records amounted to \$4,700.50.

25,894 card abstracts of birth records for school, employment, enlistment, welfare and civil service purposes were issued without charge.

There were 13,932 references issued of records of marriages and deaths without fee, for welfare, old age assistance, employment and insurance purposes.

There were 9,748 delayed records of birth and correction of birth records, 483 corrections of marriages and 198 corrections of death records also received.

## CHANGES OF NAMES OF PERSONS

Returns of 1,956 names changed in 1939 as decreed by several probate courts, were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 210, section 12.

## ARCHIVES DIVISION (Room 438)

During the fiscal year ending November 30, 1940, there have been made military certificates, and 11,632 photostatic copies of legislative records and files, maps, plans, corporation records, veterans' discharges, etc.

The following fees have been received and paid over to the Treasurer:

Military certificates, \$50.40; typewritten copies, \$47.15; photostatic copies (certified and uncertified), \$3,272.51; totaling \$3,370.06.

No volumes of Vital Records, as provided under Chapter 562 of the Acts of 1920, were purchased by the State during the year, as no appropriation was made for the purpose.

One more volume of the printed House Journals, as provided under Chapter 413 of the Acts of 1920, has been added during the year, making 17 volumes (covering the years 1715 to 1740) that are now filed with us.

Photostatic reproduction of the Archives to the extent of 59 volumes had previously been completed. These have in the year passed been bound into 106 volumes and are now available for use by the public instead of the original copies.



Under Secs. 166 to 169 of Chap. 127 of the General Laws as amended, providing for the filing by attorneys of their appearance before the Parole Board in behalf of prisoners seeking a pardon or parole, 79 attorneys have so filed.

Under Sec. 152 of Chap. 127 of the General Laws as amended, providing for the filing by the Commissioner of Correction of certified copies of petitions for paroles, pardons and commutation of sentences, together with other documents pertaining thereto, 55 cases have been received for filing thereunder.

Attention is again called to the need of more room for storage of records in this division.

#### PUBLIC DOCUMENT DIVISION (Room 116)

During the year 1940 the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: 74,417 volumes of the Public Document Series, representing 72 reports of the several State departments, boards and commissions; 9,000 copies of the 1939 bound edition of the Acts and Resolves, commonly called the Blue Book; 10,080 copies of the 1939 pamphlet edition of the Acts and Resolves; 410 copies each of the Massachusetts Reports, Nos. 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300 and 301, total, 3,280 copies; 600 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, 1939, total, 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Volume 17, 1739-40; 500 copies of the Proceedings of the Seventy-fourth Annual Encampment Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Massachusetts, 1940; 600 copies of the Proceedings of the Fortieth Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1939; 1,200 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-first Annual Convention, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1939; 800 copies of the Proceedings of the Nineteenth Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1939; 10,007 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Guidance of Applicants for the Fire Service of the Cities and Towns, 1940; 9,753 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for the Police Service of Cities, Towns, and Metropolitan District in Massachusetts, 1940; 423 copies of the 1937 edition (which were received from the Division of Civil Service) and 2,476 copies of the 1940 edition of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for the Meter-Reading and Water-Inspection Service in the Cities and Towns of Massachusetts; 1,200 copies of the 1939 Amendments to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; 10,016 copies of the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies, 1940 edition; 4,978 copies of the General Laws Relating to Corporations, 1940 edition; 711 copies of the Statutes Relating to Trust Companies, 1940; 1,006 copies of the Statutes Relating to Credit Unions, 1940; 359 copies of the edition of the Executive Council Report on the Return of Votes for State Officers, 1940; 1,093 copies of the Waverley Researches in the Pathology of the Feeble-Minded, Fourth Series; 1,078 copies of the Waverley Researches in the Pathology of the Feeble-Minded, Fifth Series; 500 copies of the 1938 Report of the Fall River Board of Finance, which copies were received from the above board; 2,000 copies of Chapters 43, 43A and 54A, General Laws, as amended to Dec. 31, 1939, relating to plans A, B, C, D and E, City Charters, Standard Form of Representative Town Meeting Government and Election of certain City and Town Officers by Proportional Representation or Preferential Voting; making a grand total of 146,977 volumes.

#### DIVISION OF PUBLIC RECORDS (Room 252)

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 66, section 1, the Supervisor of Public Records has inspected records of twenty-eight cities and one hundred and forty towns as to their care, custody, condition and protection against fire.

### *Safes and Vaults*

Specifications for fireproof safes and vaults have been approved by this department and these specifications may be obtained upon request by the various city and town officials. During the year four vaults and ten safes have been approved and the plans for installation of same have been examined and approved by the Supervisor.

### *Approved Typewriter Ribbons*

A list has been established of the various brands of ribbons submitted by the manufacturers after being certified by a reputable chemist that same have undergone the forty-eight hour "Fade-Ometer" test and this will be added to from time to time and sent upon request.

### *Repairing and Binding*

Records have been repaired and rebound in forty towns and ten cities.

### PROCLAMATIONS

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. For the observance of each of the following 11,000 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks:—New Orleans Day, January 8, 1940; Lincoln Day, February 12, 1940; Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1940; Anniversary of the Boston Massacre, March 5, 1940; Evacuation Day, March 17, 1940; Patriots' Day, April 19, 1940; Lafayette Day, May 20, 1940; Flag Day, June 14, 1940; Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1940; Commander John Barry Day, September 13, 1940; Pulaski Day, October 11, 1940; Armistice Day, November 11, 1940 and Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1940. Eleven thousand copies of the Arbor and Bird Day proclamation were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks. August 12, 1940 was designated as Indian Day and 6,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 6-12, 1940 and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices. The week of November 10-16, 1940 was set apart as American Education Week and 11,000 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

The week of October 6-12, 1940 was designated as Letter Writing Week and 1,000 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the post offices. In observance of Humane Sunday, April 14, 1940, "Be Kind to Animals Week", April 15-20, 1940, Constitution Day, September 17, 1940 and Columbus Day, October 12, 1940 proclamations were issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press.

A proclamation was also issued by the Governor proclaiming that the first registration under the selective training and service act of 1940 shall take place on Wednesday the sixteenth day of October, 1940, between the hours of 7:00 A. M. and 9:00 P. M., and 5,000 copies were printed and distributed by the Adjutant General.

His Excellency the Governor also issued a proclamation designating the Reformatory for Women at Framingham as a place of custody of female dipsomaniacs and inebriates and 1,000 copies were printed and mailed to the justices of the Supreme Judicial, Superior and District Courts, clerks and associate justices of district courts, institutions under the general supervision of the Commissioner of Correction and city and town clerks.

### PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, REMANDERS, REQUISITIONS, ETC.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the year was 19, all of which were full and complete; commutations, 2; remanders, 2; requisitions:

upon other States, 65; upon the Secretary of the Navy of the United States, 2; upon the Secretary of State of the United States for extradition request upon a foreign country, 1; and upon the Chief Justice of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia, 1; and warrants issued upon requisitions from other States, 20.

#### INITIATIVE PETITIONS

Six initiative petitions, accompanied by bills, and each with the requisite certificate of the Attorney General attached, were filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth during the year, under the provisions of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution, as follows:

FOR AN ACT TO ALLOW PHYSICIANS TO PROVIDE MEDICAL CONTRACEPTIVE CARE TO MARRIED PERSONS FOR THE PROTECTION OF LIFE OR HEALTH.

(Filed September 4, 1940; on December 4, 1940, 44,565 subsequent signatures of qualified voters had been filed.)

FOR AN ACT REPEALING THE LAWS RELATIVE TO HORSE AND DOG RACING UNDER THE PARI-MUTUEL SYSTEM OF BETTING AND ABOLISHING THE STATE RACING COMMISSION.

(Filed September 13, 1940; on December 4, 1940, 20,272 subsequent signatures of qualified voters had been filed.)

FOR AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A STATE FUND FOR WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION.

(Filed November 6, 1940; on December 4, 1940, 24,190 subsequent signatures of qualified voters had been filed.)

FOR AN INITIATIVE PETITION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT RELATIVE TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT OF MARRIED WOMEN.

(Filed September 4, 1940; no subsequent signatures of qualified voters filed.)

FOR AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INCLUSION UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COUNTY PENAL INSTITUTIONS HAVING PRISONERS UNDER THEIR CHARGE.

(Filed September 4, 1940; no subsequent signatures of qualified voters filed.)

FOR AN INITIATIVE PETITION FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION PROHIBITING THE TAXATION OF GROWING CROPS.

(Filed September 14, 1940; no subsequent signatures of qualified voters filed.)

#### RULES AND REGULATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS

By General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 30, section 37, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments during the year 1940: Department of Civil Service and Registration; Department of Conservation; Department of Public Health; Department of Public Safety; Appellate Tax Board; Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission and Milk Control Board.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Election Statistics (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

FREDERIC W. COOK,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*



# RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF GENERAL LAWS

WHEN RECEIVED	CITY OR TOWN	SUBJECT AND REFERENCE	ACTION	DATE OF ACTION
1939				
Dec. 4	Springfield	Establishment of purchasing department, G. L. 41, s. 103	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1939
Dec. 6	Essex County	No loss of pay or vacation to certain state, county and municipal employees while serving in militia, 1939, 425, s. 1 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	Nov. 21, 1939
Dec. 16	Brockton	No loss of pay or vacation to certain state, county and municipal employees while serving in militia, 1939, 425, s. 1 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	Dec. 14, 1939
Dec. 16	Lawrence	Civil service for city marshal of police department, 1939, 183	Accepted	Dec. 12, 1939
Dec. 16	Lawrence	Civil service for chief of fire department, 1939, 183	Accepted	Dec. 12, 1939
Dec. 21	Westfield	Suspension of use of traps and other devices for the capture of fur-bearing animals, 1934, 275 (G. L. 131, s. 103B)	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1939
Dec. 30	Newton	Pensions for veterans of Spanish and World wars and army nurses, G. L. 32, ss. 56-60A	Accepted	Dec. 28, 1939
1940				
Feb. 1	Revere	Pensions for veterans of Spanish and World wars, G. L. 32, ss. 56-59	Accepted	Jan. 29, 1940
Feb. 1	Wrentham	Auditing of accounts of towns and districts, G. L. 44, s. 35	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1939
Feb. 16	North Adams	Firewards, G. L. 48, s. 4	Accepted	Feb. 14, 1940
Feb. 24	Athol	Civil service for regular and call firemen, G. L. 31, s. 48	Accepted	Feb. 19, 1940
Mar. 7	Hull	Civil service for superintendent of streets, 1939, 183	Accepted	Mar. 4, 1940
Mar. 7	West Newbury	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Mar. 2, 1940
Mar. 8	Concord	Establishment of playground and recreation commission, G. L. 45, s. 14	Accepted	Mar. 4, 1940
Mar. 9	Barnstable	Pensions for policemen and firemen in towns, G. L. 32, s. 85	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1940
Mar. 11	Maynard	Contributory retirement systems for cities and towns, 1936, 318, s. 1 (G. L. 32, ss. 26-31H)	Accepted	Mar. 4, 1940
Mar. 13	Gardner	One day off in every seven days for police officers in certain cities and towns, 1937, 85, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16A)	Accepted	Mar. 4, 1940
Mar. 14	Marion	Inspection of buildings, G. L. 148, ss. 3-12	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1940
Mar. 14	Marion	Establishment of police department, G. L. 41, s. 97	Accepted	Mar. 4, 1940
Mar. 15	Templeton	Appropriation of money by cities and towns for certain improvements, G. L. 91, s. 29	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1940
Mar. 16	Merrimac	Civil service for chief of police, G. L. 31, s. 49	Accepted	Mar. 9, 1940
Mar. 18	Chatham	Appropriation of money by cities and towns for certain improvements, G. L. 91, s. 29	Accepted	Mar. 4, 1940
Mar. 18	Wellesley	Indemnification of city and town employees for damages sustained through operation of publicly owned vehicles, 1934, 291, s. 3 (G. L. 41, s. 100A)	Accepted	Feb. 20, 1940
Mar. 18	Wellesley	Limitation on the adoption of certain ordinances, 1938, 133, s. 1 (G. L. 40, s. 27A)	Accepted	Mar. 11, 1940
Mar. 22	Lynn	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Mar. 11, 1940
Apr. 1	Brookline	One day off in every six days for police officers in certain cities and towns, 1938, 426, s. 2 (G. L. 147, s. 16B)	Accepted	Mar. 19, 1940
Apr. 5	North Adams	Smoke Nuisance, G. L. 140, ss. 132-136	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1940
Apr. 13	Quincy	One day off in every six days for police officers in certain cities and towns, 1938, 426, s. 2 (G. L. 147, s. 16B)	Accepted	Apr. 4, 1940
Apr. 23	Falmouth	Retirement systems for cities and towns, G. L. 32, ss. 26-31H	Accepted	Apr. 11, 1940
May	Framingham	Municipal advertising, G. L. 40, s. 6A	Accepted	Apr. 17, 1940
May 14	Holyoke	Reserve fire force subject to civil service, G. L. 48, s. 59E	Accepted	May 6, 1940

May 16	West Springfield	Appropriation of money by cities and towns for certain improvements, G. L. 91, s. 29	Accepted	Mar.	6, 1940
May 22	Shrewsbury	Retirement systems for cities and towns, G. L. 32, ss. 26-31H	Accepted	May	6, 1940
June 25	Montague	Retirement systems for cities and towns, G. L. 32, ss. 26-31H	Accepted	Mar.	18, 1940
July 9	Holyoke	Indemnification of city and town employees for damages sustained through operation of certain publicly owned vehicles, 1934, 291, s. 3 (G. L. 41, s. 100A)	Accepted	July	2, 1940
Aug. 2	New Bedford	No loss of pay or vacation to certain state, county and municipal employees while serving in militia, 1939, 425, s. 1 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	Aug.	1, 1940
Aug. 26	Shrewsbury	Retirement systems for cities and towns, G. L. 32, ss. 26-31H	Accepted	May	6, 1940
Aug. 26	Swansea	Establishment of planning board, 1936, 211 (G. L. 41, s. 81A)	Accepted	Mar.	13, 1939
Aug. 26	Berkshire County	No loss of pay or vacation to certain state, county and municipal employees while serving in militia, 1939, 425, s. 1 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	Aug.	13, 1940
Sept. 27	Quincy	Licensing of open-air parking spaces, G. L. 148, s. 56	Accepted	Sept.	25, 1940
Nov. 13	North Adams	Civil service for laborers, G. L. 31, s. 47	Accepted	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 16	Southbridge	Appointment of chief of fire department, G. L. 48, ss. 42-44	Accepted	Dec.	19, 1935
Nov. 16	Cambridge	City charter, Plan E, 1938, 378 (G. L. 43)	Accepted	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 16	Chicopee	City charter, Plan E, 1938, 378 (G. L. 43)	Rejected	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 16	Fall River	Civil service for city clerk, 1939, 183 (G. L. 31, s. 49A)	Accepted	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 16	Fall River	Civil service for city auditor, 1939, 183 (G. L. 31, s. 49A)	Accepted	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 16	Fall River	Civil service for commissioner of public works, 1939, 183 (G. L. 31, s. 49A)	Accepted	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 16	Falmouth	Civil service for cities and towns, G. L. 32, ss. 26-31H	Rejected	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 16	Haverhill	City charter, Plan D, G. L. 43	Accepted	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 18	Haverhill	Civil service for superintendent of public buildings, 1939, 183 (G. L. 31, s. 49A)	Rejected	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 18	Hingham	Two platoon system for fire department, G. L. 48, s. 59	Rejected	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 18	Holyoke	Appropriation of public funds in aid of low cost housing, 1938, 484	Accepted	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 18	Ipswich	Civil service for manager of the municipal water and light department, 1939, 183 (G. L. 31, s. 49A)	Accepted	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 18	Marlborough	Civil service for chief engineer of the fire department, 1939, 183 (G. L. 31, s. 49A)	Accepted	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 18	Montague	Retirement systems for cities and towns, G. L. 32, ss. 26-31H	Accepted	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 18	Newton	Two platoon system for fire department, G. L. 48, s. 59	Rejected	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 18	North Adams	City charter, Plan E, 1938, 378 (G. L. 43)	Accepted	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 19	North Adams	Civil service for city auditor, 1939, 183 (G. L. 31, s. 49A)	Accepted	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 19	North Attleborough	Civil service for superintendent of streets, 1939, 183 (G. L. 31, s. 49A)	Accepted	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 19	Quincy	City charter, Plan E, 1938, 378 (G. L. 43)	Rejected	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 19	Shirley	Civil service for chief of police, 1939, 183 (G. L. 31, s. 49A)	Accepted	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 19	Wayland	Civil service for chief of police, 1939, 183 (G. L. 31, s. 49A)	Accepted	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 19	West Springfield	Civil service for superintendent of streets and sewers, 1939, 183 (G. L. 31, s. 49A)	Accepted	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 19	West Springfield	Civil service for town accountant, 1939, 183 (G. L. 31, s. 49A)	Accepted	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 19	Woburn	Civil service for city auditor, 1939, 183 (G. L. 31, s. 49A)	Accepted	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 19	Worcester	Civil service for treasurer and collector of taxes, 1939, 183 (G. L. 31, s. 49A)	Accepted	Nov.	5, 1940
Nov. 19	Middleboro	Auditing of accounts of towns and districts, G. L. 44, s. 35	Accepted	June	17, 1940
Nov. 25	Walpole	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Feb.	21, 1938

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1939 Dec. 4	City Clerk, Springfield . .	An Act providing for submitting to the voters of certain cities the question of approving or disapproving orders authorizing the issue of bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness for certain purposes (1939, 108)	Nov. 7, 1939	24,522	5,973
Dec. 4	Assistant Clerk, Barnstable County Commissioners . .	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Barnstable to purchase forest fire fighting apparatus for use by towns within said county for fighting forest fires, and to provide for the custody, maintenance and use of said apparatus (1939, 349)	Nov. 10, 1939	1	—
Dec. 4	Town Clerk, Harwich . .	An Act to provide for compensating certain public employees for injuries sustained in the course of their employment (1913, 807)	Nov. 17, 1939	2	—
Dec. 5	City Clerk, Somerville . .	An Act providing for one day off in every six days for police officers of certain cities and towns (1938, 426)	Nov. 20, 1939	3	—
Dec. 6	Town Clerk, West Springfield .	An Act providing for the inclusion of additional public employees within the provisions of the workmen's compensation law (1936, 403)	Oct. 3, 1939	2	—
Dec. 6	City Clerk, Worcester . .	An Act relative to the removal of snow and ice from private ways open to the public use in the city of Worcester (1938, 253)	Nov. 7, 1939	45,907	7,538
Dec. 6	City Clerk, Worcester . .	An Act providing for submitting to the voters of certain cities the question of approving or disapproving orders authorizing the issue of bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness for certain purposes (1939, 108)	Nov. 7, 1939	31,642	8,983
Dec. 6	Clerk, Hampshire County Commissioners . .	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of Hampshire county to expend money for the purpose of advertising the recreational advantages of the county (1939, 105)	Dec. 5, 1939	4	—
Dec. 7	Clerk, Franklin County Commissioners . . . .	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of Franklin county to expend money for the purpose of promoting the recreational advantages of said county (1939, 106)	Dec. 5, 1939	5	—
Dec. 7	City Clerk, Haverhill . . . .	An Act providing for submitting to the voters of certain cities the question of approving or disapproving orders authorizing the issue of bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness for certain purposes (1939, 108)	Dec. 5, 1939	4,865	1,891
Dec. 8	Town Clerk, Provincetown . .	An Act providing for the inclusion of additional public employees within the provisions of the workmen's compensation law (1936, 403)	Dec. 4, 1939	12	0
Dec. 12	City Clerk, Northampton . .	An Act providing for submitting to the voters of certain cities the question of approving or disapproving orders authorizing the issue of bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness for certain purposes (1939, 108)	Dec. 5, 1939	2,737	1,800
Dec. 14	City Clerk, Woburn . . . .	An Act providing for submitting to the voters of certain cities the question of approving or disapproving orders authorizing the issue of bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness for certain purposes (1939, 108)	Nov. 14, 1939	4,613	582
Dec. 21	City Clerk, Westfield . . . .	An Act relative to the police commission of the city of Westfield (1939, 74)	Nov. 7, 1939	3,327	1,142
Dec. 22	City Clerk, Holyoke . . . .	An Act providing for submitting to the voters of certain cities the question of approving or disapproving orders authorizing the issue of bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness for certain purposes (1939, 108)	Dec. 5, 1939	9,407	3,760





# RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT

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WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1940 Feb. 9	City Clerk, Gardner . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Gardner to lease certain portions of Dunn Park and Wildwood Cemetery in said city for log storage purposes (1939, 118)	Apr. 10, 1939	— <sup>9</sup>	—
Feb. 10	City Clerk, Medford . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Medford to reimburse Thomas H. Johnston, a teacher in the school department of said city, for money paid by him in defense of a certain action at law brought against him (1939, 259)	July 27, 1939	— <sup>3</sup>	—
Feb. 10	Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners . . .	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of Bristol county to pay certain compensation to Olive A. Nerney of Attleboro (1939, 390)	Aug. 15, 1939	— <sup>11</sup>	—
Feb. 12	City Clerk, Peabody . . .	An Act requiring action of city councils accepting provisions of law permitting absentee voting at regular city elections to be taken at least ninety days before the first elections to which such provisions will apply (1939, 152)	Feb. 8, 1940	— <sup>9</sup>	—
Feb. 12	Clerk, Lunenburg Water District, Lunenburg . . .	An Act establishing the Lunenburg Water District of Lunenburg (1939, 17)	Feb. 23, 1939	206	58
Feb. 26	Town Clerk, Wakefield . . .	An Act permitting the conversion in the town of Wakefield of existing buildings into non-fireproof tenement houses not exceeding two and one half stories in height (1939, 440)	Sept. 25, 1939	— <sup>2</sup>	—
Mar. 1	Town Clerk, Saugus . . .	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of soldiers' relief agent of the town of Saugus under the civil service laws (1938, 267)	Mar. 6, 1939	2,685	1,005
Mar. 1	Town Clerk, Agawam . . .	An Act authorizing the town of Agawam to pay an annuity to the respective widows of Rocco Cascella and Clark B. Jones (1938, 227)	May 9, 1938	— <sup>7</sup>	—
Mar. 4	Town Clerk, Hull . . .	An Act authorizing the town of Hull to pension David R. Shaw (1938, 228)	July 18, 1938	— <sup>7</sup>	—
Mar. 4	Town Clerk, Saugus . . .	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of superintendent of buildings of the town of Saugus under the civil service laws (1938, 290)	Mar. 6, 1939	2,704	998
Mar. 5	Town Clerk, Norwood . . .	An Act authorizing the town of Norwood to borrow money for high school purposes (1938, 466)	July 25, 1938	101	15
Mar. 8	Town Clerk, Adams . . .	An Act providing that the chairman of the board of cemetery commissioners of the town of Adams shall be a town meeting member at large, and further regulating the nomination of candidates for re-election as town meeting members in said town (1939, 33)	Mar. 4, 1940	1,102	590
Mar. 8	Town Clerk, Acton . . .	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of police of the town of Acton under the civil service laws (1938, 493)	Nov. 21, 1938	360	125
Mar. 8	City Clerk, Beverly . . .	An Act relative to the taking of claims and to leases by the Commonwealth therefor to cities and towns in the county of Essex (1912, 710)	Mar. 5, 1940	— <sup>3</sup>	—
Mar. 13	Town Clerk, Yarmouth . . .	An Act further regulating liens for, and the collection of, water rates and charges (1938, 415)	Feb. 13, 1940	— <sup>2</sup>	—
Mar. 15	Clerk, Ware Fire District No. 1 . . .	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of the fire department of the Ware Fire District Number One in the town of Ware under the civil service laws (1938, 45)	Mar. 7, 1938	— <sup>2</sup>	—



Mar. 15	Clerk, Ware No. 1	District	An Act to authorize the placing of the positions of regular firemen in the fire department of the Ware Fire District Number One in the town of Ware under the civil service laws (1938, 46)	Mar.	7, 1938	-2	-
Mar. 23	Town Clerk, Stoneham		An Act relative to the removal of the superintendent of public works in the town of Stoneham (1938, 312)	Mar.	4, 1940	-	-12
Mar. 25	Town Clerk, Westwood		An Act providing for the inclusion of additional public employees within the provisions of the workmen's compensation law (1936, 403)	Mar.	11, 1940	-7	-
Mar. 25	Town Clerk, Westwood		An Act providing an improved method of municipal planning (1936, 211)	Mar.	11, 1940	-7	-
Mar. 28	City Clerk, Boston		An Act providing for one day off in every seven days for police officers in the city of Boston (1938, 122)	Mar.	21, 1939	-	-13
Mar. 28	City Clerk, Cambridge		An Act relative to the retirement allowance of William J. Cogan, a former employee of the city of Cambridge (1938, 366)	July	23, 1938	-9	-
Mar. 29	City Clerk, Haverhill		An Act designating the city marshal of the police department of the city of Haverhill as chief of the police department of said city, and authorizing the placing of the office of said chief under the civil service laws (1938, 107)	Dec.	6, 1938	10,426	4,962
Apr. 1	Town Clerk, Holliston		An Act providing for the election or appointment of an appropriation, advisory or finance committee by the town of Holliston (1938, 188)	June	13, 1938	-7	-
Apr. 1	Town Clerk, Scituate		An Act authorizing the town of Scituate to pay a sum of money to Henry T. Cole for certain work and materials (1936, 235)	Mar.	7, 1938	-2	-
Apr. 3	Town Clerk, Palmer		An Act establishing in the town of Palmer representative town government by limited town meetings (1939, 110)	Feb.	5, 1940	677	857
Apr. 4	Town Clerk, Winthrop		An Act to provide improved transportation facilities in Winthrop and East Boston and to authorize the inclusion of the town of Winthrop in the Boston Metropolitan District (1939, 510)	Jan.	9, 1940	104	117
Apr. 4	Clerk, Dukes County Commissioners		An Act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Dukes county to expend money for the purpose of promoting the recreational advantages of said county (1938, 134)	Apr.	6, 1938	-8	-
Apr. 4	City Clerk, Somerville		An Act relative to the awarding of certain contracts and the making of certain leases by the city of Somerville (1936, 183)	Nov.	2, 1937	14,314	7,368
Apr. 4	Town Clerk, Nantucket		An Act providing for the taking or other acquisition by the town of Nantucket of certain land therein for the improvement of the fisheries of said town (1937, 65)	Feb.	21, 1938	585	197
Apr. 13	City Clerk, Revere		An Act to authorize the placing of the office of commissioner of welfare of the city of Revere under the civil service laws (1938, 194)	Dec.	13, 1938	3,791,	8,151
Apr. 23	Town Clerk, Swampscott		An Act making the provisions of the civil service laws applicable to the town of Swampscott with respect to certain appointed officers and employees of the accounting, assessors, cemetery, engineering, health, library, moth and tree warden, park, police, public welfare, school and water and sewerage departments and of the board of selectmen, and to the janitor of the town hall (1936, 17)	Feb.	17, 1936	572	2,113
Apr. 26	City Clerk, Lowell		An Act authorizing the city of Lowell to retire and pension John B. Blessington (1938, 352)	June	22, 1938	-9	-
Apr. 26	Chairman, Board of Election Commissioners, Boston		An Act providing that the mayor of Boston shall be eligible for election for the succeeding term (1938, 300)	Nov.	7, 1939	85,774	67,392

# RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT

## — Concluded —

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1940					
May 23	City Clerk, Springfield . . .	An Act tending to prevent multiplicity of proposals for the same change in zoning ordinances or by-laws or in their application (1938, 133) . . .	May 20, 1940	— <sup>9</sup>	—
June 10	City Clerk, Holyoke . . .	An Act providing an improved method of municipal planning (1936, 211) . . .	June 6, 1940	— <sup>3</sup>	—
Nov. 8	City Clerk, Beverly . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Beverly to compensate the members of its board of aldermen (1939, 135) . . .	Nov. 5, 1940	4,392	4,654
Nov. 15	Revere . . . . .	An Act providing for the holding of biennial municipal elections in the city of Revere in odd-numbered years instead of even-numbered years (1939, 220) . . .	Nov. 5, 1940	7,759	2,487

- 1 Accepted by the county commissioners of Barnstable County.
- 2 Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.
- 3 Accepted by the board of aldermen.
- 4 Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampshire County.
- 5 Accepted by the county commissioners of Franklin County.
- 6 Accepted by the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company.
- 7 Adopted by unanimous vote.

- 8 Accepted by the county commissioners of Dukes County.
- 9 Accepted by the city council.
- 10 Accepted by the Massachusetts Horticultural Society.
- 11 Accepted by the county commissioners of Bristol County.
- 12 Rejected, affirmative and negative votes not returned.
- 13 Rejected by the mayor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Secretary of the Commonwealth

OF

MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1949



EDWARD J. CRONIN

Secretary of the Commonwealth

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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, July 1, 1949.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:—*

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, Chapter 9, section 17, as amended, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949; also included are the returns from cities and towns relative to action taken under certain provisions of General Laws, and returns relative to the acceptance or rejection of certain Special Acts passed by the General Court, which returns were received during the fiscal year 1949.

July 6, 1949.

## *Secretary of the Commonwealth:*

The following table shows in detail receipts from fees, etc., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 9, section 1:

Commissions . . . . .	\$ 22,080 00	
Corporations . . . . .	531,920 26	
Limited Partnerships . . . . .	380 00	
Trade-marks . . . . .	7,875 00	
Sale of Books . . . . .	23,123 57	
Certificates . . . . .	3,358 50	
Military Records . . . . .	39 20	
Copies:		
Corporation . . . . .	\$ 2,992 40	
Archives . . . . .	11,309 20	14,301 60
Advance Sheets . . . . .		2,315 00
Vital Statistics . . . . .		7,292 50
Trust Receipts . . . . .		2,903 00
Liens . . . . .		50 00
Table of Changes . . . . .		28 00
Miscellaneous Income . . . . .		358 15
Total for Year . . . . .		\$615,968 78

## COMMISSIONS

The number of commissions issued during the year ending June 30, 1949, was 5,053, of which 392 were without fee and 51 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder.

The different classes were as follows:

Notaries public . . . . .	4,448
Justices of the peace . . . . .	173
Justices of the peace to solemnize marriages . . . . .	5
Associate Justice, Supreme Judicial Court . . . . .	1
Judges of Probate and Insolvency . . . . .	2
Justices and Special Justices, District Courts . . . . .	7
Associate Justices, Superior Court . . . . .	1
Clerks, District Courts . . . . .	7
Justices of the peace to issue warrants and take bail . . . . .	4
Trial Justices . . . . .	7
Masters in chancery . . . . .	16
Public administrators . . . . .	26
Special State Police Officers . . . . .	37
Trustees, commissioners, etc. . . . .	251
Public Warehousemen . . . . .	24
Medical examiners . . . . .	12
Associate medical examiners . . . . .	13

Commissioners to qualify public officers . . . . .	1
Executive Secretary . . . . .	1
Executive Stenographer . . . . .	1
Chief Secretary to the Governor . . . . .	1
Private Secretary to the Governor . . . . .	1
Special Counsel to the Governor . . . . .	1
Legislative Secretary to the Governor . . . . .	1
Press Secretary to the Governor . . . . .	1
Assistant Secretaries to the Governor . . . . .	4

5,053

Certificates to the number of 8,544 were issued, of which 1,911 were for certificates for which no fees are charged.

#### CORPORATION DIVISION

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, was 3,440. Said certificates of incorporation are classified as follows:—

Business . . . . .	2,987
Religious, charitable, social, etc. . . . .	419
Fraternal beneficiary . . . . .	6
Church . . . . .	13
Credit union . . . . .	14
Gas . . . . .	1

The number of certificates of every description filed was 41,142. Said certificates are classified as follows:—

Articles of organization of the six classes of corporations mentioned above:	3,440
Certificates of organization of cemeteries . . . . .	5
Business issues . . . . .	830
Business increases . . . . .	366
Business reductions . . . . .	122
Business amendments . . . . .	739
Non-business changes of name . . . . .	53
Religious, charitable, social, etc. amendments . . . . .	32
Fraternal beneficiary amendments . . . . .	7
Gas and electric pay. cap. . . . .	1
Gas and electric increases . . . . .	7
Gas and electric amendments . . . . .	1
Water company increase . . . . .	1
Water company amendment . . . . .	1
Trust company increases . . . . .	3
Trust company reduction . . . . .	1
Insurance increases . . . . .	5
Insurance reduction . . . . .	1
Insurance amendments . . . . .	2
Co-operative Bank change of location . . . . .	1
Business consolidations . . . . .	6
Business mergers . . . . .	4
Limited partnerships . . . . .	34
Domestic and Foreign conditions . . . . .	29,537
Non-business reports . . . . .	2,517
Foreign increases . . . . .	26
Foreign reductions . . . . .	52
Foreign power attorney by person or partnership . . . . .	4
Statements of Trust Receipts . . . . .	2,903
Statements of Lien upon merchandise . . . . .	50
Trade-marks . . . . .	211
Assignments of trade-marks . . . . .	12
Insignia of labor union . . . . .	2

Description of marks:	
(soda, ale, etc.)	1
Gas and electric, approval of issue, etc.	35
Gas and electric, approval of change of par	1
Water company, approval of issue, etc.	1
Railroad and street railway, approval of issue, etc.	1
Contracts of railroad and street railway companies	23
Appointment Administrator Roman Catholic Church	1
Certificates of clerks of various courts relative to dissolution of corpora- tions (covering 2,367 corporations)	11
Petition for surrender of charter and dissolution	2
Certificates of revival of corporations	41
Certificates of consent to change of location of non-business corporations	47
Certificates relative to adoption of Act	2
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	41,142
Non-business charters withheld	11
Non-business applications for incorporation withdrawn	10
Non-business charters declared void	3
Certified copies supplied	907
Special certificates supplied	453

VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 46, section 17, returns of births, marriages and deaths from 351 cities and towns and births and deaths from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury for the year 1948 were received, and cover 100,434 births and 45,760 marriages, a decrease of 7,830 births and a decrease of 4,197 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1947.

Under the provisions of the same law, 52,875 certified copies of records of deaths were received, covering a period from January 1, 1948 to December 31, 1948, an increase of 839 as compared with the returns of 1947.

Medical examiners' returns for 1948 cover 11,736, an increase of 115, as compared with returns for 1947.

Returns by clerks of courts and registers of probate of the decrees of divorce granted during 1948 number 7,712, a decrease of 2,372 as compared with the returns of 1947.

From July 1, 1948 to June 30, 1949, 8,886 certificates of births, 2,498 certificates of marriages, and 2,933 certificates of deaths were issued, a total of 14,317 certified copies. Besides these 6,915 were certified abstracts given the Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims without fee.

In addition to the above 6,432 records were verified for various government agencies.

The demand for records for social security, aid and relief, school and other purposes still continues.

There were 55,685 requests for records during this period.

A total of \$7,919.30 was received by this Division during this fiscal period. Of this amount \$7,158.50 was for certified copies of birth, marriage and death records; \$95.00 was for certifications of exact copies of records and for exemplified statements; and \$665.80 was refunded to the remitters because excessive amounts were sent in or the requested service could not be rendered. \$20,247 card abstracts of birth records for school, employment, enlistment, welfare and civil service purposes were issued without charge.

There were 8,813 references of records of marriages and deaths issued without fee for welfare, old age assistance, employment and insurance purposes.

There were 2,649 delayed records of birth and correction of birth records, 32 corrections of marriages and 39 corrections of death records also received.

Returns of 4,009 names changed in 1948 as decreed by the several probate courts were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 210, section 12.



## ARCHIVES DIVISION

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, there were issued: 27 military certificates, 25 typewritten copies and 41,931 photostatic copies of legislative records and files, maps, plans, corporation records, veterans discharges, etc.

The following fees were received and paid over to the State Treasurer: military certificates, \$39.20; typewritten copies, \$33.80; photostatic copies (certified and uncertified), \$11,276.40; totalling \$11,349.40.

Two volumes of printed House Journals, as provided under chapter 413 of the Acts of 1920, have been added during the year, making 23 volumes (covering the years 1715 to 1746) that are filed with us.

Fifty-two persons filed notice of their intention to appear before the Parole Board in accordance with sections 166 to 169 of chapter 127 of the General Laws as amended.

Section 152 of chapter 127 of the General Laws, as amended, provides for the filing by the Commissioner of Correction of certified copies of petitions for pardons, paroles and commutations of sentences, together with other documents relating thereto; 123 cases were received and filed in accordance thereto.

With the constantly increasing number of acquisitions to the Archives, additional space for filing and storage must soon be found in order that we may properly serve research workers, genealogists, historians and the public in general. This lack of space has been mentioned in previous reports. The valuable collections of state records in the Archives conservatively estimated at several millions of dollars are not properly housed. It is therefore respectfully requested that preliminary steps be taken toward completion of a new building devoted to the preservation of records. Complete plans for such a building are available at the National Archives, Washington, D. C.

## PUBLIC DOCUMENT DIVISION

During the fiscal year 1949, the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: *Reports*: 26,383 copies of the Public Document Series, representing twenty-eight reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions; *Laws*: 9,000 copies of the 1948 bound edition of the Acts and Resolves, commonly called the Blue Book; 10,023 copies of the 1948 pamphlet edition of the Acts and Resolves; 5,050 copies of the General Laws Relating to City Charters, Standard Form Representative Town Meeting Government and Election of Certain City and Town Officers by Proportional Representation or Preferential Voting, 1949; 3,960 copies of the General Laws Relating to Corporations, 1947; 5,000 copies of the 1948 Supplement to the Corporation Laws; 7,000 copies of the 1948 Supplement to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; 10,000 copies of the 1948 Supplement to the Laws Relating to Retirement Systems and Pensions; *Veterans Proceedings*: 600 copies of the Proceedings of the Forty-eighth Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1947; 600 copies of the Proceedings of the Forty-ninth Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1948; 1,000 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-ninth Annual Convention, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1947; 750 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-seventh Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1947; 750 copies of the Proceedings of the twenty-eighth Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1948; 620 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth Annual Conventions, Disabled American Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1946 and 1947; *Journals and Manuals*: 600 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, 1948, total 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Volume 23, 1746-47; 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Volume 24, 1747-48; 10,500 copies of the Manual for the General Court, 1949-50; 10,600 Copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Fire Service in Cities and Towns, 1948; *Massachusetts Reports and Annotations*: 475 copies each of Volumes 321 and 322 of the Massachusetts Reports, total, 950 copies; 9,792 copies of the Annotations on Chapter 175 of the



General Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies, 1947; *Miscellaneous*: 827 copies of the edition of the Executive Council Report on the return of votes for state officers, etc., 1948; 6,050 copies of Historical Data Relating to Counties, Cities and Towns in Massachusetts, 1948; 478 copies of the Proceedings of the Electoral College of Massachusetts, 1948; 410 copies of Public Officers of Massachusetts, 1949-50; 3,000 copies of a Directory of Massachusetts Manufacturers, 1948; making a grand total of 124,603 copies.

Leaflets on the Great Seal of the Commonwealth and Notes on United States Citizenship have also been prepared for general distribution during this fiscal year.

### DIVISION OF PUBLIC RECORDS

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 66, section 1, the Supervisor of Public Records has inspected records of 39 cities and 139 towns as to their care, custody, condition and protection against fire.

With present facilities, due to insufficient personnel and inadequate travel funds, greater coverage is quite impossible. This is to be the subject of a recommendation for legislation.

### *Microfilm and Photostatic Copies*

Chapter 395 of the Acts of 1949 makes it obligatory that every register of deeds shall, not later than January 1, 1950, commence the making of microphotographic process copies of all books in his registry in which deeds, certificates of title and other instruments have been recorded or entered prior to the effective date of said act.

Because of the late passage of county budgets, funds are not available for timely compliance. Consequently, legislation is to be sought extending the obligatory date until October 1, 1950.

### *Safes, Vaults, etc.*

Specifications for fireproof safes and vaults have been approved by this department and these specifications may be obtained upon request. During the year new safes have been approved and installed in the homes of three town clerks, and one in the home of another has been suggested.

In one city hall a new vault was installed, and same approved. Also, a new vault was completed in one of the towns but same could not be approved as it had only a four hour door.

Plans have been approved for the installation of several new vaults.

The installation of a six hour door, steel shelving and fire curtains in a town library was approved.

### *Ink, Stamp Pad Ink and Stamp Pads*

Standard ink has been approved by this department. A list of approved brands of stamp pad ink and stamp pads may be obtained upon request to this office.

### *Typewriter Ribbons*

The approved list of the various brands of typewriter ribbons submitted by the manufacturers, after being certified by reputable chemists that same have undergone the forty-eight hour "Fade-Ometer" test, has been added to and sent out upon request.

### *Repairing and Binding*

In several cities and towns books have been rebound, and suggestions have been made to have same done in other places.

### PROCLAMATIONS

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. For the observance of each of the following 10,500 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks:—Commodore John Barry Day, September 13, 1948; Pulaski Day, October 11, 1948; Armistice Day, November 11, 1948; Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1948; New Orleans Day, January 8, 1949; Lincoln Day, February 12, 1949; Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial

Day, February 15, 1949; Anniversary of the Boston Massacre, March 5, 1949; Evacuation Day, March 17, 1949; Patriots' Day, April 19, 1949; Lafayette Day, May 20, 1949; Flag Day, June 14, 1949 and Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1949. August 12, 1948 was designated as Indian Day and 6,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. 10,500 copies of the proclamation for Arbor and Bird Day, April 29, 1949, were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 3-9, 1948 and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices. The week of November 7-13, 1948 was set apart as American Education Week and 10,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

January 14, 1949 was set apart by His Excellency the Governor as Good Government Day, and 5,000 copies of the Governor's proclamation were printed and distributed to the schools.

His Excellency the Governor also issued a proclamation on August 5, 1948, directing the Adjutant General of Massachusetts to maintain a current list of those organized units of the Massachusetts National Guard which have not reached or cannot be maintained at their authorized strengths as designated from time to time by the Adjutant General, and 500 copies were mailed to city and town clerks.

A proclamation was also issued by the Governor on August 5, 1948 proclaiming the dates of the first registration under the Selective Service Act of 1948. 1,500 copies were distributed by the Massachusetts State Headquarters for Selective Service and 500 copies were mailed to city and town clerks.

On September 9, 1948, a proclamation was also issued by His Excellency the Governor closing all sections of the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth to all persons except the owners and tenants of such forests and woodlands, due to a serious fire hazard existing by reason of extreme drought, and 200 copies were distributed by the Division of Forestry of the Department of Conservation. A proclamation was also issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press on October 13, 1948 reopening all sections of the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth, since the serious fire hazard which existed in the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth by reason of extreme drought had been removed by recent rains.

Proclamations were also issued by His Excellency the Governor promulgating the Seventy-seventh, Seventy-eighth and Seventy-ninth Articles of Amendments to the Constitution and 200 copies of each were printed and mailed on December 23, 1948 to the justices of the supreme judicial and superior courts, district attorneys, district and municipal courts, clerk of courts for each county, clerk of the supreme judicial court, clerk of the superior court for criminal business and the clerk of the superior court for civil business.

In observance of "Be Kind to Animals Week," May 1-8, 1949, a proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press.

Proclamations were also issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press for the following:—National Guard Day, September 16, 1948; Columbus Day, October 12, 1948; Cranberry Week, October 18-23, 1948; United Nations Day, October 24, 1948; Navy Day, October 27, 1948; Printing and Publishing Week, January 17-22, 1949; Boy Scout Week, February 6-12, 1949; Negro History Week, February 6-12, 1949; Republic of Lithuania Day, February 16, 1949; National Security Week, February 12-22, 1949; American Legion Membership Week, February 20-26, 1949; World Government Week, March 6-12, 1949; Greek Independence Day, March 25, 1949; Boys' Club Week, March 28-April 3, 1949; Month of April, Cancer Control Month; Veterans of Foreign Wars Golden Jubilee Week, April 3-9, 1949; Army Day, April 6, 1949; Pan American Day, April 14, 1949 and Pan American Week, April 10-16, 1949; First Aid Week, the week of April 25, 1949; Child Health Day, May 1, 1949; Orphan Week, May 1-8, 1949; National Music Week, May 1-8, 1949; Newsboys' Week, May 2-7, 1949; TWUA 10th Anniversary Week, May 8-14, 1949; National Hospital Day, May 12, 1949; I am an American Day, May 15, 1949; Unesco Day, May 18, 1949; V. F. W. Buddy Poppy Day,

May 21, 1949; Foot Health Week, May 21-28, 1949; National Maritime Day, May 22, 1949; Jimmy Time, May 29-June 11, 1949; Memorial Day, May 30, 1949; Shut-In's Day, June 5, 1949; Garden Week in Massachusetts, June 14-20, 1949; Emblem Day, June 20, 1949; June Dairy Month, the month of June, 1949 and Iron Curtain Refugee Month, the month of June, 1949.

His Excellency the Governor also issued a proclamation to the press on June 22, 1949 closing all sections of the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth to all persons except the owners and tenants of such forests and woodlands at 12:01 P.M. on June 22, 1949, due to a serious fire hazard.

#### PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, RESPITES, REQUISITIONS, ETC.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the year was 43, of which 38 were full and complete, and 5 issued under parole conditions; commutations, 8; remanders, 1; respites, 12; and discharges from state hospitals, 2; requisitions: upon other States, 82; upon the Secretary of the Navy of the United States, 1; upon the Secretary of State of the United States for extradition request upon a foreign country, 1; and upon the Chief Justice of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia, 1; and warrants issued upon requisitions from other States, 18.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND AGENTS' EXPENSES

In compliance with General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 3, sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relative to legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation during the last regular session of the General Court (1948), there were 310 entries made in the dockets, a decrease of 41 as compared with 1947.

Returns covering 294 entries were received from persons, associations or corporations employing legislative counsel and agents. Eleven employers who failed to file returns within the time prescribed by law were reported to the Attorney General.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel and agents was \$267,630. Of this amount \$44,228 represented annual salaries or retainers apportioned, and \$65,025 unapportioned. Eleven employers stated that they paid nothing.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Three legislative constitutional amendments were submitted to be placed upon the State election ballot in 1948.

For result of vote see P.D. 43.

#### INITIATIVE PETITIONS

##### FOR

—An Act making it unlawful to exclude any person from employment because of membership or non-membership in a labor organization, and providing a penalty for such exclusion was completed by filing subsequent signatures in accordance with the provisions under the constitution and appeared upon the State election ballot in 1948. The result of the vote on this question may be found in P.D. 43.

—An Act relative to the calling of strikes by labor organizations was completed by filing subsequent signatures in accordance with the provisions under the constitution and appeared upon the State election ballot in 1948. The result of the vote on this question may be found in P.D. 43.

—An Act relative to elections of officers of labor organizations was completed by filing subsequent signatures in accordance with the provisions under the constitution and appeared upon the State election ballot in 1948. The result of the vote on this question may be found in P.D. 43.

—An Act to allow physicians to provide medical contraceptive care to married women for the protection of life or health was completed by filing subsequent signatures in accordance with the provisions under the constitution and appeared upon the State election ballot in 1948. The result of the vote on this question may be found in P.D. 43.



## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS

By General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 30, section 37, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments, boards and commissions during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949: Department of Banking and Insurance; Department of Civil Service and Registration; Department of Conservation; Department of Labor and Industries; Department of Public Health; Department of Public Safety; Department of Public Welfare; Department of Public Utilities; Department of Public Works; The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission; Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission; Milk Control Board; Minimum Wage Commission and State Airport Management Board.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Election Statistics (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

EDWARD J. CRONIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*



## MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

During the past several months a study has been made of the various problems confronting the Office of the State Secretary. This effort has been more intensive due to the knowledge that the 1949 Session of the General Court was enacting a resolve providing for a study of the structure of our State government by a special commission, with a view to eliminating duplication and improving the operations of government. (Chapter 75, Resolves of 1949.)

It is of interest, therefore, to set forth herein a summary of the subject matter considered, with brief reasons for such consideration and to advise that it is the intention of this office to submit recommendations concerning such subject matter to the 1950 Session of the General Court. The more important of these studies were embraced in the subjects listed and commented upon in alphabetical order.

## ARCHIVES

The Archives of the Commonwealth contain treasures of inestimable value. They are bulging at the seams, overcrowded, unsafe, poorly displayed and inadequately protected. A resolve for a study of this problem is to be presented to the General Court.

## COMPILATION OF LAWS

The practice of naming a special commission about every twenty years to recodify the General Laws is cumbersome, extravagant and unsatisfactory. It should be done currently, by a regular organization, with pocket or supplementary annual volumes. This would be economical, up-to-date and much more satisfactory. A division of compilation, with a skilled expert in charge, should be established in this office, which is custodian of all statutory enactments. A bill to accomplish this purpose will be prepared for the 1950 Session.

## CORPORATIONS

There is definite duplication and delay in dealing with the issuance of corporate charters, the filing of corporate records and the administration of the law relative to corporations because of divided control between this office and the Office of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation. All corporate matters, except those relative to taxation should be administered in the office of record. Proposed legislation to accomplish this purpose will be introduced at the 1950 Session of the General Court.

## FEES

The fees received in this office make it self-supporting over a two-year period in any event, but in each election year the extraordinary expense of elections make the expenses exceed receipts in even numbered years. Fees, such as those paid for factors' liens, merchandise liens and the filing of trust receipts are inadequate. The fees for issuance of commissions do not cover the cost of paper work. They have been unchanged for a generation. Legislation to correct this situation and to make this office self-supporting each year will be introduced at the 1950 Session.

## INFORMATION BUREAU

There is no adequate and proper information service available to the public concerning the activities and departments of the Commonwealth. The general public now looks to the Office of the State Secretary for such information service. Without proper organization, which can be accomplished at small cost, the service given is neither complete nor satisfactory. Legislation proposing the establishment of a Bureau of Information in the Office of the Secretary will be introduced at the 1950 Session of the General Court.

## MASSACHUSETTS REPORTS

Due to over-production and decreased demand, a stock pile of eighty-five thousand (85,000) copies of Volumes 245 through 323 of the Reports of Decisions of the Supreme Judicial Court (Massachusetts Reports) has been accumulated in the Office of the Secretary in the last twenty-six years. This stock pile represents an expenditure of about a quarter of a million dollars. Storage is overtaxed and deterioration is certain, unless disposed of soon. A bill to permit sale at less than cost is being presented to the 1950 Session.

## PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF STATE PUBLICATIONS

The demand upon this office for state publications is general and constant. They are, in a broad sense, records of the Commonwealth and should be available here as well as at the office, department, board, commission or agency having jurisdiction over the subject matter of the publication. This office should have in stock, at its document room, every publication of the Commonwealth and should have knowledge as to the pending publication of all documents. To be certain of this, all printing should be routed through this office, as was the case from the founding of the State through 1923. The actual placing of printing contracts and purchase of supplies and materials may well be left with the State Purchasing Agent, but beyond that point, divided responsibility should be terminated and printing and distribution should be primarily a function of this office with auxiliary distribution of particular publications by the agency concerned with the subject matter thereof.

The present law says specifically that "all publications of the commonwealth shall be distributed under the direction of the secretary, unless otherwise provided". (G. L. C. 5, sec. 1.) In practice, however, without specific statutory provision, a score of agencies distribute publications which are not in stock in the document room. This should be remedied for public convenience.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

The rules and regulations of all departments, boards, offices and other agencies of the Commonwealth are not now available at any central depository. Certain of them to which a penalty is attached are filed at this office. All which have force of law should be available, not only at the particular office having jurisdiction, but at some central agency. The Office of the Secretary is the one logical central agency. This, too, is in compliance with the constitutional requirement that the records of the Commonwealth shall be kept in the Office of the State Secretary. Such rules and regulations are essential records of the Commonwealth and should be on file at this office. Legislation to require filing at this office, before any regulations are effective, will be proposed at the 1950 Session of the General Court.

## SUPERVISOR OF PUBLIC RECORDS

This office is charged with the supervision of public records by General Laws, chapters 9 and 66. These records, in addition to the records at the State House, cover almost five hundred district, town, city and county installations. This is an important duty. The personnel and travel allowances now available make it almost a mockery. Proper and timely inspection cannot be accomplished without more personnel and more travel funds. A catastrophe could make this a critical situation. Facilities in forty per cent of the locations vary from poor to very unsatisfactory. Legislation to correct this will be sought at the 1950 Session.

## TRADEMARK LAW

The present statutes relative to trademarks are most unsatisfactory. There is no provision for abandonment, amendment, recission or other disposition of obsolete trademarks. Legislation providing for five-year renewals and permitting cancellation of obsolete marks will clear the records of some forty per cent of the unused trademarks which now clutter the files. A proposed statute based upon the federal law will be presented.

## VARIOUS

Several suggested amendments to correct and clarify existing statutes without materially affecting their substantive contents are being studied and minor amendments to accomplish these changes will be submitted to the General Court at its 1950 Session.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*



## RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL LAWS

WHEN RECEIVED	CITY OR TOWN	SUBJECT AND REFERENCE	ACTION	DATE OF ACTION
1948				
July 1	Worcester	Forty hour work week for employees of certain cities and towns, 1947, 649 (G. L. 149, s. 33A)	Accepted	May 12, 1948
July 1	Quincy	Forty hour work week for employees of certain cities and towns, 1947, 649 (G. L. 149, s. 33A)	Accepted	May 14, 1948
July 6	Medford	Uniforms for police and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B	Accepted	July 1, 1948
July 28	Marlborough	No loss of pay to employees of town as result of service in the organized militia or in the army of the United States or the naval reserve forces, 1939, 425, s. 1 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	July 26, 1948
Aug. 17	Worcester	No loss of pay to employees of city as result of service in the organized militia or in the army of the United States or the naval reserve forces, 1939, 425, s. 1 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	Aug. 9, 1948
Sept. 8	Bristol County Commissioners	Appointment of state fire patrol in certain counties, G. L. 48, s. 28A	Accepted	Sept. 7, 1948
Sept. 23	Boston	Annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty increased, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Sept. 21, 1948
Sept. 30	Lawrence	Annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty increased, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Sept. 27, 1948
Oct. 11	Essex County Commissioners	Appointment of state fire patrol in certain counties, G. L. 48, s. 28A	Accepted	Oct. 5, 1948
Oct. 18	North Andover	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Accepted	Mar. 1, 1948
Oct. 18	West Springfield	Vacations for members of regular or permanent police and fire forces in towns, 1934, 107 (G. L. 41, s. 111A)	Accepted	Sept. 9, 1948
Oct. 21	Templeton	Election by ballot of a board of cemetery commissioners, G. L. 114, ss. 22-26	Accepted	Oct. 15, 1948
Nov. 8	Chilmark	Vacations to certain employees of the town, G. L. 41, s. 111	Accepted	July 1, 1948
Nov. 8	Gay Head	Contributory retirement system for cities and towns, G. L. 32, ss. 1-28	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 8	Hawley	Same act as above (G. L. 32, ss. 1-28)	Rejected	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 8	Heath	Same act as above (G. L. 32, ss. 1-28)	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1938
Nov. 8	Leyden	Same act as above (G. L. 32, ss. 1-28)	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 8	New Braintree	Same act as above (G. L. 32, ss. 1-28)	Rejected	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 8	Oakham	Same act as above (G. L. 32, ss. 1-28)	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 9	Pelham	Contributory retirement system for cities and towns, G. L. 32, ss. 1-28	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 9	Rowe	Same act as above (G. L. 32, ss. 1-28)	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 9	West Tisbury	Same act as above (G. L. 32, ss. 1-28)	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 9	Auburn	Two platoon system for certain municipal employees, G. L. 41, s. 111	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 10	Wilmington	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Rejected	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 10	Brookline	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 10	Medford	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 10	Newton	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 10	Revere	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1948



Nov. 10	Taunton .	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Rejected	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 10	Watertown .	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Rejected	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 10	Winchester	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Rejected	Nov. 2, 1948
Nov. 17	Everett .	Increased annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Oct. 11, 1948
Dec. 6	Somerville	Lighting in halls in tenement houses, G. L. 144, ss. 60, 61	Accepted	Dec. 2, 1948
Dec. 9	Cambridge	Increased annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Dec. 6, 1948
Dec. 16	Norwood	Registration and operation of certain bicycles, 1941, 710, s. 1 (G. L. 85, s. 11A)	Accepted	Dec. 13, 1948
Dec. 16	Norwood	Closing of public offices in towns on Saturdays, 1947, 265 (G. L. 41, s. 110A)	Accepted	Dec. 13, 1948
Dec. 28	Lawrence	Removal of snow and ice from private ways, 1943, 225 (G. L. 40, s. 6C)	Accepted	Dec. 27, 1948
Dec. 28	Worcester	Smoke nuisance, G. L. 140, ss. 132-136	Accepted	Dec. 15, 1948
Dec. 28	Pittsfield	Indemnification of officers or employees for damages sustained through operation of certain publicly owned vehicles or vessels, 1945, 391 (G. L. 41, s. 100A)	Accepted	Dec. 14, 1948
Dec. 30	Springfield	Work hours of employees of certain cities and towns further regulated, 1948, 657 (G. L. 149, s. 33A)	Accepted	Dec. 27, 1948
Dec. 30	Springfield	Increased annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Dec. 27, 1948
Dec. 31	Pittsfield	Sick leave for foremen, laborers, workmen or mechanics regularly employed by certain cities and towns, 1946, 187 (G. L. 41, s. 111B)	Accepted	Dec. 29, 1948
1949				
Jan. 4	Everett .	Sick leave for foremen, laborers, workmen or mechanics regularly employed by certain cities and towns, 1946, 187 (G. L. 41, s. 111B)	Accepted	Dec. 31, 1948
Jan. 5	Fall River	Increased annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Dec. 31, 1948
Jan. 11	Arlington	undergone in the performance of duty, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Dec. 27, 1948
Jan. 21	Chelsea	Licensing of open-air parking spaces, G. L. 148, s. 56	Accepted	Dec. 27, 1948
Jan. 21	Chelsea	Increased annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Jan. 5, 1949
Feb. 1	Easthampton	Response of fire departments to calls for aid from other cities, towns and fire districts, G. L. 48, s. 59A	Accepted	Jan. 26, 1949
Feb. 17	Somerville	Increased annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Jan. 26, 1949
Feb. 17	Lowell .	Increased annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Feb. 15, 1949
Feb. 21	Provincetown.	Laying out, use and control of playgrounds and establishment of recreation commission, G. L. 45, s. 14	Accepted	Feb. 16, 1949
Mar. 14	Wenham	Liens on real estate for the non-payment of water rates and charges, 1941, 380, s. 1 (G. L. 40, ss. 42A-42F)	Accepted	Feb. 14, 1949
Mar. 14	Falmouth	Retirement of police and firemen in certain towns, 1946, 576, s. 6 (G. L. 32, s. 85E)	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1949
Mar. 16	Barnstable	Appointment of inspector of animals by the board of health, 1941, 162 (G. L. 129, s. 15)	Accepted	Feb. 8, 1949
Mar. 17	Amesbury	Appointment to the regular or permanent fire force in certain towns of certain members of the call force, 1948, 149 (G. L. 48, s. 36A)	Accepted	Mar. 8, 1949
Mar. 22	Milton .	Licensed operation on the Lord's day of bowling alleys, 1946, 207, s. 1 (G. L. 136, s. 2)	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1949
Mar. 25	Boston .	Vacations for members of regular or permanent police and fire forces in towns and cities, 1934, 107 (G. L. 41, s. 111A)	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1949
Mar. 29	Frammingham	Registration and operation of certain bicycles, 1941, 710, s. 1 (G. L. 85, s. 11A)	Accepted	Mar. 25, 1949
Mar. 29	Frammingham	Improved method of municipal planning, 1947, 340, s. 4 (G. L. 41, ss. 81K-81U)	Accepted	Mar. 23, 1949
Mar. 29	Frammingham	Retirement of police and firemen in certain towns, 1946, 576, s. 6 (G. L. 32, ss. 85E and 85F)	Accepted	Mar. 16, 1949
Mar. 29	Frammingham		Accepted	Mar. 23, 1949

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Mar. 29	Braintree	Indemnification of officers or employees for damages sustained through operation of certain publicly owned vehicles or vessels, 1945, 391, s. 1 (G. L. 41, s. 100A)	Accepted	Mar. 21, 1949
Mar. 29	Braintree	Establishment of planning board, 1947, 340, s. 4 (G. L. 41, s. 81A)	Accepted	Mar. 21, 1949
Apr. 22	Lowell	Vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 172 (G. L. 41, s. 111A)	Accepted	Apr. 20, 1949
May 5	Natick	Establishment of police departments in certain towns, 1948, 540 (G. L. 41, s. 97A)	Accepted	Mar. 2, 1949
May 6	Worcester	Vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 172 (G. L. 41, s. 111A)	Accepted	Apr. 25, 1949
May 6	North Adams	Vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 172 (G. L. 41, s. 111A)	Accepted	May 3, 1949
June 1	New Bedford	Response of fire departments to calls for aid from other cities, etc., G. L. 48, s. 59A	Accepted	May 31, 1949
June 8	Medford	Sick leaves for foremen regularly employed by certain cities and towns, 1946, 187 (G. L. 41, s. 111B)	Accepted	May 31, 1949
June 10	Salem	Pensions for firemen and policemen, 1946, 576, s. 3 (G. L. 32, s. 83A)	Accepted	June 24, 1948
June 24	Everett	Indemnification of employees of certain cities and towns for damages sustained through the operation of certain municipally owned vehicles, 1949, 128 (G. L. 41, s. 100A)	Accepted	June 22, 1949

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WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION		VOTE	
					Yes	No
1948						
July 1	City Clerk, Medford	An Act authorizing the city of Medford to pay a sum of money to John Amoroso for medical and hospital expenses incurred by him as a result of injuries which he sustained in the line of duty as a police officer of said city (1948, 172)	May 6, 1948		1	—
July 1	City Clerk, Revere	An Act to authorize the establishment of non-profit corporations to engage in providing homes for veterans (1948, 564)	May 3, 1948		2	—
July 1	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing increases in the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain retired employees of the city of Boston and county of Suffolk and their beneficiaries (1948, 301)	May 25, 1948		3	—
July 1	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the grading, construction, reconstruction or repair of certain private ways open to the public use in the city of Boston (1948, 206)	May 25, 1948		3	—
July 2	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act establishing the date for the holding of the biennial municipal election in the city of New Bedford (1948, 44)	May 29, 1948		3	—
July 2	City Clerk, Revere	An Act to facilitate and encourage the providing of homes during the present emergency (1946, 592)	May 28, 1948		3	—
July 2	Clerk, The City Library Association of Springfield, Springfield	An Act authorizing The City Library Association of Springfield to acquire the assets of and to carry out the purposes of the Connecticut Valley Historical Society and to succeed to the privileges, powers and immunities of said society (1948, 331)	June 8, 1948		4	—
July 2	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for a forty hour work week for all employees at the Suffolk County house of correction (1948, 406)	June 8, 1948		3	—
July 2	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the payment of pensions to members of the teaching and supervising staff of the public schools of the city of Boston (1948, 602)	June 21, 1948		3	—
July 2	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act authorizing the city of Springfield to pay a sum of money to Rena A. Kennedy of said city (1948, 218)	June 28, 1948		2	—
July 7	City Clerk, Boston	An Act increasing the compensation of the members of the city council of the city of Boston (1948, 555)	July 6, 1948		3	—
July 14	Recording Secretary, Board of Trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, Boston	An Act providing for certain rapid transit improvements in the city of Boston (1948, 622)	July 13, 1948		5	—
July 19	Town Clerk, Charlemon	An Act authorizing the town of Charlemon to borrow money for the construction and furnishing of a school addition and for remodeling an existing school building (1948, 212)	July 13, 1948		80	36
July 23	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the use of certain land in the Dorchester district of the city of Boston for the purpose of housing for veterans (1948, 633)	July 20, 1948		3	—
July 23	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to repayment of withdrawn deductions from the teachers' retirement system (1948, 384)	July 20, 1948		3	—

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July 28	City Clerk, Lowell . . . .	An Act to authorize the establishment of non-profit corporations to engage in providing bonuses for veterans (1947, 564)	July 6, 1948	— <sup>2</sup>	—
July 29	City Clerk, Boston . . . .	An Act providing for the maintenance by the youth service board for a limited time of a place or places of custody in the city of Boston (1948, 542)	July 27, 1948	— <sup>3</sup>	—
July 29	City Clerk, Boston . . . .	An Act increasing the compensation of certain members of the police department of the city of Boston (1948, 408)	July 27, 1948	— <sup>3</sup>	—
Aug. 5	City Clerk, Lawrence . . . .	An Act relative to the membership of Abraham Bardwell in the retirement system of the city of Lawrence (1948, 606)	Aug. 2, 1948	— <sup>2</sup>	—
Aug. 6	City Clerk, Boston . . . .	An Act to permit the payment of additional compensation to police officers of the city of Boston during assignment as detectives (1948, 604)	Aug. 4, 1948	— <sup>3</sup>	—
Aug. 10	City Clerk, Lynn . . . .	An Act authorizing the payment of an annuity by the city of Lynn to the widow of Albert H. Pond (1948, 593)	Aug. 3, 1948	— <sup>2</sup>	—
Aug. 23	Clerk, Franklin County Commissioners . . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Aug. 17, 1948	— <sup>6</sup>	—
Aug. 30	City Clerk, New Bedford . . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Aug. 27, 1948	— <sup>3</sup>	—
Aug. 31	Chairman, Hampshire County Commissioners . . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Aug. 27, 1948	— <sup>7</sup>	—
Sept. 8	City Clerk, Somerville . . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Sept. 7, 1948	— <sup>1</sup>	—
Sept. 13	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners . . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 10, 1948	— <sup>4</sup>	—
Sept. 16	City Clerk, Cambridge . . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 13, 1948	— <sup>8</sup>	—
Sept. 17	City Clerk, Lowell . . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 14, 1948	— <sup>2</sup>	—
Sept. 21	Deputy Asst. Clerk, Essex County Commissioners . . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 15, 1948	— <sup>2</sup>	—
Sept. 22	City Clerk, Brockton . . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 17, 1948	— <sup>9</sup>	—
Sept. 22	Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners . . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 21, 1948	— <sup>3</sup>	—
Sept. 22	City Clerk, Springfield . . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 20, 1948	— <sup>10</sup>	—



Sept. 22	City Clerk, Springfield . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Springfield to pay a sum of money to Charles P. Morris of said city (1948, 494)	Sept. 20, 1948	- <sup>2</sup>	-
Sept. 27	Asst. City Clerk, Quincy . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Sept. 20, 1948	- <sup>2</sup>	-
Sept. 29	City Clerk, Medford . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 21, 1948	- <sup>1</sup>	-
Sept. 29	City Clerk, Marlborough . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 24, 1948	- <sup>2</sup>	-
Sept. 29	Secretary, Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital District, Salem . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 15, 1948	- <sup>11</sup>	-
Sept. 29	Town Clerk, Webster . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 27, 1948	- <sup>12</sup>	-
Sept. 30	City Clerk, Lawrence . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 27, 1948	- <sup>2</sup>	-
Sept. 30	Clerk, Plymouth County Commissioners . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 28, 1948	- <sup>13</sup>	-
Oct. 1	City Clerk, Lynn . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 20, 1948	- <sup>2</sup>	-
Oct. 5	City Clerk, Revere . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Sept. 28, 1948	- <sup>2</sup>	-
Oct. 5	City Clerk, Fall River . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Sept. 30, 1948	- <sup>3</sup>	-
Oct. 6	Town Clerk, Easthampton . . .	Same act as above (1948, 588)	Oct. 4, 1948	- <sup>14</sup>	-
Oct. 21	Town Clerk, Templeton . . .	An Act authorizing the town of Templeton to supply itself and its inhabitants with water (1948, 353)	July 1, 1948	215	153
Nov. 9	City Clerk, Chelsea . . .	An Act to provide that the school committee of the city of Chelsea shall consist of five members, the mayor, ex officio, and four other members to be elected by and from the voters of said city (1947, 54)	Nov. 2, 1948	8,143	2,672
Nov. 9	City Clerk, Chelsea . . .	An Act authorizing the placing of the office of superintendent of streets and sewers of the city of Chelsea under the civil service laws (1948, 192)	Nov. 2, 1948	8,883	2,055
Nov. 9	City Clerk, Chelsea . . .	An Act authorizing the placing of the office of city engineer of the city of Chelsea under the civil service laws (1948, 191)	Nov. 2, 1948	9,444	1,806
Nov. 9	City Clerk, Chicopee . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Chicopee to reduce the membership of its board of aldermen and to change the method of electing such aldermen (1948, 315)	Nov. 2, 1948	10,778	6,574
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Fitchburg . . .	An Act establishing the office of water commissioner of the city of Fitchburg and defining his powers and duties (1948, 234)	Nov. 2, 1948	5,724	11,669
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Haverhill . . .	An Act relative to the election and powers and duties of the mayor and aldermen in the city of Haverhill, and relative to the municipal departments and sub-departments of said city (1948, 166)	Nov. 2, 1948	9,892	6,054
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Woburn . . .	An Act relative to the hours of duty of permanent members of the fire department of the city of Woburn (1948, 661)	Nov. 2, 1948	4,935	3,772
Nov. 10	Town Clerk, Canton . . .	An Act authorizing the town of Canton to establish a board of public works exercising the powers of certain other boards, departments and town officers, and authorizing the selectmen to act as said board (1948, 276)	Nov. 2, 1948	1,946	813
Nov. 10	Town Clerk, Billerica . . .	An Act relative to the election and terms of office of assessors in the town of Billerica (1948, 346)	Nov. 2, 1948	2,515	843
Nov. 10	Town Clerk, Canton . . .	An Act authorizing the election of selectmen for three year terms in the town of Canton (1948, 379)	Nov. 2, 1948	1,737	1,113
Nov. 10	Town Clerk, Dedham . . .	An Act relative to voting precincts, the nomination and election of town meeting members, and the reference to the voters of certain votes of representative town meetings in the town of Dedham (1948, 419)	Nov. 2, 1948	4,504	1,223

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Nov. 10	Town Clerk, Lanesborough . . .	An Act authorizing the town of Lanesborough to borrow money for the construction and furnishing of a new school building (1948, 342)	Nov. 2, 1948	535	208
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Melrose . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Nov. 1, 1948	1	—
Nov. 17	City Clerk, Everett . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Oct. 11, 1948	1	—
Nov. 18	Town Clerk, Provincetown . . .	An Act to facilitate absent voting by residents of Massachusetts at any regular biennial state election or at certain regular annual or biennial city or town elections (1948, 477)	Nov. 15, 1948	112	—
Nov. 19	City Clerk, North Adams . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Nov. 18, 1948	14	—
Nov. 26	City Clerk, Springfield . . .	An Act relative to sidewalk assessments in the city of Springfield (1948, 136)	Nov. 23, 1948	2	—
Nov. 26	Clerk, Connecticut Valley Historical Society, Springfield . . .	An Act authorizing the City Library Association of Springfield to acquire the assets of and to carry out the purposes of the Connecticut Valley Historical Society and to succeed to the privileges, powers and immunities of said society (1948, 331)	May 25, 1948	15	—
Dec. 3	Town Clerk, Watertown . . .	An Act relative to the pensioning of foremen, inspectors, mechanics, draw tenders, assistant draw tenders and storekeepers in the employ of certain cities and towns (1948, 515)	Nov. 29, 1949	12	—
Dec. 3	Town Clerk, Watertown . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Nov. 29, 1948	12	—
Dec. 10	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act providing that police officers of the city of Boston shall be given an additional day off duty or under certain circumstances an additional day's pay when they are required to work on certain legal holidays (1948, 135)	Dec. 8, 1948	2	—
Dec. 16	Town Clerk, Norwood . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Dec. 13, 1948	14	—
Dec. 22	City Clerk, Waltham . . .	An Act increasing the amounts of certain annuities payable by certain cities and towns under special law to the widows of former policemen and firemen (1947, 493)	Dec. 16, 1948	2	—
Dec. 30	City Clerk, Springfield . . .	An Act granting the consent of the Commonwealth to the acquisition by the United States of America of certain land in the city of Springfield for use as a post office substation and ceding jurisdiction over such land (1948, 538)	Dec. 27, 1948	2	—

1949	3	Clerk, Plymouth County Commissioners	Com-	An Act authorizing the Plymouth county commissioners to acquire additional land with buildings thereon for the purposes of the registry of deeds at Plymouth in said county (1948, 288)	Dec.	28, 1948	-18	
Jan.	6	City Clerk, Taunton		An Act changing the time for the holding of biennial municipal elections in the city of Taunton (1948, 55)	Feb.	17, 1948	2	
Jan.	25	City Clerk, Woburn		An Act changing the date for the holding of biennial municipal elections in the city of Woburn (1948, 22)	Mar.	22, 1948	3	
Jan.	25	City Clerk, Woburn		An Act authorizing the city of Woburn to pay annuities to the widow and minor child of William F. Kenney, a former police officer of said city (1948, 460)	June	18, 1948	3	
Feb.	4	City Clerk, Boston		An Act providing for certain rapid transit improvements in the city of Boston (1948, 622)	Feb.	2, 1949	3	
Feb.	4	Town Clerk, Amesbury		An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov.	2, 1948	1,001	3,515
Feb.	4	Town Clerk, Andover		An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov.	2, 1948	1,179	4,261
Feb.	4	Town Clerk, Billerica		An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov.	2, 1948	968	2,538
Feb.	4	Town Clerk, Chelmsford		An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov.	2, 1948	488	3,420
Feb.	7	Town Clerk, Dracut		An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov.	2, 1948	534	2,337
Feb.	7	Town Clerk, Groveland		An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov.	2, 1948	302	743
Feb.	7	City Clerk, Haverhill		An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov.	2, 1948	3,627	15,385
Feb.	7	City Clerk, Lawrence		An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov.	2, 1948	6,881	25,069
Feb.	7	Chairman, Lowell Election Commission, Lowell	Com-	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov.	2, 1948	5,087	37,166
Feb.	7	Town Clerk, Merrimack		An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov.	2, 1948	422	731
Feb.	7	Town Clerk, Methuen		An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov.	2, 1948	2,183	7,195



RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT—Continued

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				Yes	No
Feb. 7	Town Clerk, Newbury . . .	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov. 2, 1948	415	305
Feb. 7	City Clerk, Newburyport . . .	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov. 2, 1948	3,170	1,848
Feb. 8	Town Clerk, North Andover . . .	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov. 2, 1948	587	3,458
Feb. 8	Town Clerk, Salisbury . . .	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov. 2, 1948	688	318
Feb. 8	Town Clerk, Tewksbury . . .	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov. 2, 1948	416	1,220
Feb. 8	Town Clerk, Tyngsborough . . .	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov. 2, 1948	189	603
Feb. 8	Town Clerk, West Newbury . . .	An Act establishing the Merrimack River Valley Sewerage District for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and operating sewerage works in the Merrimack river valley (1947, 653)	Nov. 2, 1948	340	257
Feb. 28	Town Clerk, Lee . . .	An Act providing for the inclusion of additional public employees within the provisions of the workmen's compensation law (1936, 403)	Feb. 15, 1949	- <sup>14</sup>	-
Mar. 3	City Clerk, Pittsfield . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Feb. 24, 1949	- <sup>3</sup>	-
Mar. 4	City Clerk, Pittsfield . . .	An Act to facilitate and encourage the providing of homes during the present emergency (1946, 392)	Feb. 28, 1949	- <sup>3</sup>	-
Mar. 8	Town Clerk, Nahant . . .	An Act establishing a town manager form of government for the town of Nahant (1948, 513)	Oct. 23, 1948	518	631
Mar. 10	Deputy Asst. Clerk, Essex County Commissioners . . .	An Act authorizing the use of an expended balance of certain funds for the purpose of erecting additional shop facilities for the farm mechanics division of the Essex County Agricultural School (1949, 29)	Mar. 8, 1949	- <sup>9</sup>	-
Mar. 10	Town Clerk, Arlington . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Mar. 7, 1949	- <sup>14</sup>	-



Mar. 11	Town Clerk, Athol	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Mar.	7, 1949	-14	-
Mar. 11	Town Clerk, Hull	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Mar.	7, 1949	865	685
Mar. 11	Town Clerk, Webster	An Act further regulating the work hours of employees of certain cities and towns (1948, 657)	Mar.	8, 1949	-14	-
Mar. 14	Town Clerk, Wenham	An Act relative to the nomination and appointment of inspectors of animals in cities and towns (1941, 162)	Mar.	7, 1949	-14	-
Mar. 14	Town Clerk, Falmouth	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Feb.	8, 1949	-14	-
Mar. 14	Town Clerk, Falmouth	An Act authorizing the appointment to the regular or permanent fire force in certain towns of certain members of the call force (1948, 149)	Feb.	8, 1949	-12	-
Mar. 16	Town Clerk, Winchester	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Mar.	7, 1949	-14	-
Mar. 16	Town Clerk, Braintree	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Mar.	7, 1949	1,799	1,368
Mar. 17	Town Clerk, Amesbury	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Mar.	7, 1949	-14	-
Mar. 17	Town Clerk, Palmer	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Feb.	14, 1949	-14	-
Mar. 21	Town Clerk, Marblehead	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Mar.	15, 1949	-14	-
Mar. 23	Town Clerk, Brookline	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Mar.	8, 1949	-14	-
Mar. 28	Town Clerk, Milton	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Mar.	12, 1949	-14	-
Mar. 28	Town Clerk, Milton	An Act relative to the pensioning of foremen, inspectors, mechanics, draw tenders, assistant draw tenders and storekeepers in the employ of certain cities and towns (1948, 515)	Mar.	12, 1949	-14	-
Mar. 28	Town Clerk, Milton	An Act increasing annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty (1948, 552)	Mar.	12, 1949	-14	-
Mar. 29	Town Clerk, Framingham	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Mar.	23, 1949	-12	-

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Mar. 31	Town Clerk, Shrewsbury	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Mar. 28, 1949	—14	—
Apr. 1	Town Clerk, Wellesley	An Act relative to the pensioning of foremen, inspectors, mechanics, draw tenders, assistant draw tenders and storekeepers in the employ of certain cities and towns (1948, 515)	Mar. 28, 1949	—14	—
Apr. 7	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the transfer of certain land on Union Street in the Brighton district of the city of Boston from the school department to the park department of said city (1949, 73)	Apr. 5, 1949	—3	—
Apr. 7	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of Essex County to erect and equip certain buildings at the Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital (1949, 103)	Apr. 5, 1949	—9	—
Apr. 11	Town Clerk, Easthampton	An Act authorizing the closing of public offices in cities and towns on Saturdays (1947, 265)	Apr. 26, 1949	—14	—
Apr. 14	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the present city messenger of Somerville (1949, 116)	Apr. 8, 1949	—1	—
Apr. 15	Town Clerk, Palmer	An Act authorizing the installation and operation of parking meters in cities and towns (1947, 442)	Aug. 9, 1948	—14	—
Apr. 21	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the transfer of certain land on Myrtle Street in the city of Boston from the school department to the park department of said city (1949, 50)	Apr. 13, 1949	—2	—
Apr. 27	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to relocate certain buildings in the East Boston district of said city and to borrow money outside the debt limit to meet the cost of such relocation (1949, 191)	Apr. 21, 1949	—2	—
May 4	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act providing a forty hour work week for foremen employed by the city of Lawrence (1949, 101)	May 2, 1949	—2	—
May 5	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the civil service status of egress and zoning inspectors in the building department of the city of Boston (1949, 197)	May 2, 1949	—2	—
May 5	City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the compensation of the members of the city council of the city of Boston (1949, 223)	May 2, 1949	—2	—
May 13	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the transfer of certain land on Church Street in the city of Boston from the school department to the public welfare department of said city (194, 159)	May 9, 1949	—2	—
May 13	City Clerk, Boston	An Act subjecting the office of supervisor of veterans' graves and registration in the city of Boston to the civil service laws (1949, 245)	May 9, 1949	—2	—
May 23	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pension Lieutenant James F. Flahive, a member of the fire department of said city (1949, 293)	May 16, 1949	—2	—
May 23	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the compensation of members of the board of appeal in the city of Boston (1949, 201)	May 16, 1949	—2	—
May 23	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act establishing a board of election commissioners in the city of Springfield (1949, 130)	May 16, 1949	—2	—

May 25	City Clerk, Somerville . . .	An Act relative to the tenure of offices of Charles DiCicco, an investigator in the veterans' services department of the city of Somerville (1949, 233)	May	23, 1949	-1	
June 3	City Clerk, Peabody . . .	An Act increasing annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty (1948, 552)	Nov.	9, 1948	-2	
June 6	Clerk, Swansea Water District, Swansea . . .	An Act establishing the Swansea Water District in the town of Swansea (1949, 137)	May	9, 1949	402	139
June 10	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act relative to the pensions of laborers employed by the city of Boston and retired under a certain special law (1949, 377)	June	7, 1949	-3	
June 16	City Clerk, Cambridge . . .	An Act relative to the retirement of Mary Barrows from service in the Cambridge Police Department (1949, 366)	June	13, 1949	-2	
June 24	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act further providing for the construction by the state department of public works of certain recreation areas in the East Boston district of the city of Boston (1949, 431)	June	23, 1949	-3	
June 24	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act relative to compensation for overtime service in certain cases by police officers of the city of Boston (1949, 426)	June	23, 1949	-3	

<sup>1</sup>Accepted by the board of aldermen.

<sup>2</sup>Accepted by the city council.

<sup>3</sup>Accepted by the mayor and city council.

<sup>4</sup>Accepted by The City Library Association of Springfield.

<sup>5</sup>Accepted by the board of trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

<sup>6</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Franklin County.

<sup>7</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampshire County.

<sup>8</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.

<sup>9</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.

<sup>10</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Bristol County.

<sup>11</sup>Accepted by the trustees of the Essex County Tuberculosis Hospital District.

<sup>12</sup>Adopted by unanimous vote.

<sup>13</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Plymouth County.

<sup>14</sup>Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.

<sup>15</sup>Accepted by the Connecticut Valley Historical Society of Springfield.





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Secretary of the Commonwealth

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, July 1, 1950.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:—*

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, Chapter 9, Section 17, as amended, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950; also included are the returns from cities and towns relative to action taken under certain provisions of General Laws, and returns relative to the acceptance or rejection of certain Special Acts passed by the General Court, which returns were received during the fiscal year 1950.

EDWARD J. CRONIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

## LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Under date of November 2, 1949, a communication was addressed to the General Court as follows:—

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:*

In compliance with General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 33, as amended, I have the honor to submit herewith such portions of my annual report (Public Document Number 46) as embody recommendations for legislation, accompanied by drafts of bills and resolves to cover said recommendations.

Of the recommendations submitted, several were enacted into law while others were referred to the next annual session. All are included in the two next following headed paragraphs embracing legislation enacted during the 1950 session and recommendations to the General Court of 1951.

## 1950 LEGISLATION RELATIVE TO MATTERS CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

During the 1950 session of the General Court several acts and resolves were passed which effect or concern the Office of the Secretary, or the subject of elections, in which this office plays an important part. Briefly, these statutes are as follows:

Chapter 21, an act correcting the statute relative to absent voting by deleting a provision referring to section 90, which section was repealed by Chapter 140, Section 14, 1946.

Chapter 22, an act providing for the registration of children born aloft in aircraft in the town where the airplane makes a landing.

Chapter 28, an act prohibiting the canvassing and counting of votes on the Lord's Day.

Chapter 88, an act forbidding the distribution of unsigned political posters or circulars.

Chapter 91, an act prohibiting under penalty of fine or imprisonment the use of the name of a person as endorser or supporter of a candidate without express consent.

Chapter 142, an act providing that boards of registrars of voters shall represent the two leading political parties with not more than two members, including the town clerk, of the same political party.

Chapter 172, an act authorizing registrars of voters to appoint assistant registrars for one year with equal party representation.

Chapter 177, an act authorizing registrars to appoint one or two assistant registrars to perform the duties of a registrar, and if two, of different political parties.

Chapter 193, an act adding party enrolment to annual registers of voters.

Chapter 255, an act providing for the preparation, printing and distribution of voting lists by July 15th in each year, requiring alphabetical lists by streets with names in numerical order in towns of over five thousand population, providing for free distribution to candidates, and duly organized political committees.

Chapter 310, an act authorizing the Supervisor of Public Records to approve carbon paper for use in making copies of official records.

Chapter 350, an act extending until October 1, 1950 the time when Registers of Deeds must make microphotographic copies of records and providing for the approval of purchases of equipment by the Secretary if County Commissioners fail to approve same.

Chapter 366, an act authorizing the issuance of abbreviated abstracts of birth, marriage or death.

Chapter 454, an act establishing a filing fee of \$3 for filing notice or discharge of liens on merchandise with the Secretary or Town or City Clerks.

Chapter 488, an act providing that all state officers, boards and departments required to file annual reports shall file same with the Secretary on or before the first Wednesday in December in each fiscal year, unless some other time is established by statute, for a particular office, board or department.

EDWARD J. CRONIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*



## MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

## RECOMMENDATIONS REQUIRING ENABLING LEGISLATION

The experience of recent years and a study of public demands upon this office indicates the wisdom of recommending to the General Court proposed measures to enable the Office of the Secretary which is the recording office of the Commonwealth and the repository of its archives, its laws, the rules and regulations of departments and its precedents to perform its functions more fully and efficiently. To that end a survey has been made by this office and as a result measures will be presented to the 1951 session of the General Court covering the subject matter herein commented upon.

## COMPILATION OF LAWS

The long continued practice of providing at odd intervals, usually about twenty years apart, for the compilation of the General Laws of the Commonwealth by a special commission is archaic, cumbersome, extravagant, inefficient and unsatisfactory. The expense is great and frequently the finished product is obsolete in large part within a year of its completion. In all recent experiences the work has been extended over a three-year period, as is the case with the present commission, now functioning under Chapter 94 of the Resolves of 1948. The work of the present commission has progressed to a point where it should be continued until the work is completed. But, hereafter there should be no necessity for a special commission.

A continuous compilation kept current by a regular organization trained and skilled in the field would be far more adequate, more economical and generally more satisfactory. Such a division should be established in the Office of the Secretary from which office all statutes are published and in which office all statutory enactments are retained and preserved. A bill proposing the establishment of such a division will be presented to the General Court.

## CORPORATIONS

(a) Divided control of matters concerning corporations between this office and the office of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation is the occasion of considerable inefficiency and delay. All corporate matters except taxation are within the Department of the Secretary in the State of New York. The Office of the Secretary is the office of record and it should be the repository of all information concerning domestic and foreign corporations. It is, therefore, recommended that all duties concerning the organization of corporations, reorganization, returns and certifications should be in the Office of the Secretary. Taxation should be left in the Office of the Commissioner. A proposed bill to accomplish this purpose will be filed with the General Court.

(b) Charitable corporations and a vast number and field of other corporations chartered under the provisions of Chapter 180 of the General Laws are organized and heard of no more. No reports are filed, no records of any sort are available except for the original papers filed prior to the granting of a charter. There are frequent inquiries as to such corporations, their existence, their officers and their financial status. The files are confined to original information and there is no record to determine even the present existence of such corporations. So far as these corporations are churches, religious organizations or such charitable corporations as file reports with the Department of Public Welfare there is no criticism of the existing situation. All other such corporations should be required to file an annual report with a small fee of two dollars to cover costs of annual reports, setting out their officers, their location, their financial structure. A proposed Act to accomplish this purpose will be submitted to the General Court.

## FEES

The fees of city and town clerks have been readjusted to meet costs. Those

of this office have not been revised in over a generation. In order to insure that the revenues exceed the expenses certain fee statutes should be revised.

a. Pilots should be excluded from the fee act since jurisdiction has been transferred to the Pilot Commissioners.

b. Fees for factors' liens and the filing of trust receipts should be advanced to five dollars.

c. Fees for the issuance of commissions should be increased from five dollars to ten dollars because the present fees are inadequate to pay for the printing and paper work incidental to the issuance of commissions.

### MEDICAL EXAMINERS

The terms of medical examiners and their associates should be for a full seven year term from date of appointment as was provided by Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1877. Confusion has been occasioned by the amendments to General Laws contained in Chapter 30, Section 10, providing for various appointments for the unexpired term or the anniversary of the expiration of the term of original appointment. Each executive has continued to appoint for full terms and such appointments have been so recorded at this office. The statute should be amended to conform with the records. A bill to accomplish this purpose will be presented to the General Court.

### PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF STATE PUBLICATIONS

The demand upon this office for all state publications is general and constant. Such documents are in a broad sense records of the Commonwealth and should be available at the Office of the Secretary as well as at the office, department, board, commission or agency having jurisdiction over the subject matter of the publication. This office should have in stock, at its document room, every publication of the Commonwealth and should have knowledge as to the pending publication of all documents. To be certain of this, all printing should be routed through this office, as was the case from the founding of the State through 1923. The actual placing of printing contracts and purchase of supplies and materials should be left with the State Purchasing Agent, with duplicates of all executed orders filed with the Secretary in order that the public may be informed as to what subject matter is in process, as well as on what has been printed.

Distribution should be primarily a function of this office with auxiliary distribution of particular publications by the agency concerned with the subject matter thereof.

The present law says specifically that "all publications of the commonwealth shall be distributed under the direction of the secretary, unless otherwise provided." (G. L. C. 5, sec. 1.) In practice, however, without specific statutory provision, a score of agencies distribute publications which are not in stock in the document room. This should be remedied for public convenience. A proposed act will be submitted.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

The rules and regulations of all departments, boards, offices and other agencies of the Commonwealth are not now available at any central depository. Certain of them to which a penalty is attached are filed at this office. All which have force of law or are general in their application should be available, not only at the particular office having jurisdiction, but at some central agency. The Office of the Secretary is the one logical central agency. This, too, is in compliance with the constitutional requirement that the records of the Commonwealth shall be kept in the Office of the State Secretary. Such rules and regulations are essential records of the Commonwealth and should be on file at this office. Legislation to require filing at this office, before any regulations are effective, will be proposed at the 1951 Session of the General Court.

## TRADE-MARKS

The present statutes relative to trade-marks are most unsatisfactory. There is no provision for abandonment, amendment, rescission or other disposition of obsolete, unused or abandoned trade-marks. The files include many which should be disposed of and cleared. A provision for renewals after five year periods and permitting cancellation of obsolete trade-marks will clear the records of forty per cent of the unused trade-marks. A proposed act to accomplish this purpose will be presented to the General Court.

RECOMMENDATIONS REQUIRING APPROPRIATIONS BUT  
NO ENABLING LEGISLATION

In addition there are acute problems which need not be the subject matter of legislation but for which adequate appropriations will be requested and urgently recommended. The more important of these are as follows:

## ARCHIVES

The Massachusetts Archives, the popular designation of the collection of historical documents on file in the Division consists of 312 bound volumes. Up to the present time, less than 50 volumes have been catalogued. The purposes served by cataloguing these volumes are many. It offers us a reference from which to work but the principal effect would be to enable us to trace each missing document more readily. We are at present endeavoring to check on missing documents. Inasmuch as the books are not catalogued little progress can be made.

The recent publicity focused on the stolen document situation further emphasizes the need for prompt action.

Therefore, I respectfully request that proper steps be taken to provide for an addition of a minimum of five temporary Junior Clerks to the present personnel. These clerks would have years of work which is not only useful but absolutely necessary.

## BUREAU OF INFORMATION

There is no adequate general information service concerning the activities and the departments of the Commonwealth available at the State House. The general public looks to the Office of the Secretary for such service. This is the office to which such a function should be attached. To give such service in a satisfactory manner two clerks should be assigned to definite space for this express major duty. It has been determined by the General Court that legislation is not necessary to set up such a bureau. There are no clerks available for assignment to such duty. Therefore, an appropriation of four thousand sixty dollars will be sought to provide for a senior and a junior clerk to be assigned to a bureau of information.

## SUPERVISOR OF PUBLIC RECORDS

General Laws, Chapter 9, Sections 4 and 5 direct the Secretary to appoint a supervisor of public records and authorize an expenditure of three thousand dollars a year for travel and other expenses of the supervisor. The duties of the supervisor of public records detailed in General Laws, Chapter 66 require that he "shall take necessary measures to put the records of the Commonwealth, counties, cities or towns in the custody and condition required by law and to secure their preservation." This is a grave statutory responsibility. It covers 39 cities, 312 towns, 80 district courts, 16 county clerks of courts, 21 registers of deeds and 14 registrars of probate, a total of four hundred and eighty-two installations. It clearly would require two men, the supervisor and an inspector, a year to make a single inspection of each installation. Because of lack of personnel and insufficient appropriations for travel it has been impossible for the supervisor to visit some towns more often than once in five years. Storage facilities are excellent in about forty per cent of

the installations, reasonably good in twenty per cent and from poor to very unsatisfactory in forty per cent. This office should enforce the law and bring all installations up to standard. On a minimum basis it will be necessary to have a qualified inspector at a salary of \$3,600 per year and a junior clerk at \$1,860 added to the staff of the supervisor with a travel appropriation of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per year. An appropriation of \$6,460 for these purposes will be requested from the General Court.

EDWARD J. CRONIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*



July 28, 1950.

Secretary of the Commonwealth

The following table shows in detail receipts from fees, etc., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws, (Tercentenary Edition) chapter 9, section 1:

Commissions . . . . .	\$ 21,495 00	
Corporations . . . . .	544,865 77	
Limited Partnerships . . . . .	400 00	
Trade-marks . . . . .	7,100 00	
Sale of Books . . . . .	21,078 07	
Certificate . . . . .	3,391 00	
Military Records . . . . .	16 20	
Copies:		
Corporations . . . . .	\$ 1,918 25	
Archives . . . . .	12,465 10	14,383 35
Advance Sheets . . . . .		2,580 00
Vital Statistics . . . . .		6,195 50
Trust Receipts . . . . .		2,736 00
Liens . . . . .		60 00
Other Income . . . . .		706 23
Miscellaneous Income . . . . .		138 78
Total for Year . . . . .		\$625,145 90

Financial Statement Verified (Under Requirements of C. 7, S 19 GL)

Date, August 4, 1950

By JOSEPH A. PRENNEY, *For the Comptroller.*

Approved for Publishing, RALPH E. HOUGHTON, *Acting Comptroller.*

COMMISSIONS

The number of commissions issued during the year ending June 30, 1950 was 4,579, of which 304 were without fee and 59 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder.

The different classes were as follows:

Notaries Public . . . . .	4,077
Justices of the Peace . . . . .	166
Justices of the Peace to solemnize marriages . . . . .	6
Associate Justice, Supreme Judicial Court . . . . .	1
Judges of Probate and Insolvency . . . . .	3
Justices and Special Justices, District Courts . . . . .	9
Associate Justices, Superior Court . . . . .	2
Clerks, District Courts . . . . .	3
Justices of the Peace to issue warrants and take bail . . . . .	3
Trial Justices . . . . .	4
Masters in Chancery . . . . .	15
Public Administrators . . . . .	9
Special state police officers . . . . .	48
Trustees, commissioners, etc. . . . .	174
Public warehousemen . . . . .	31
Medical Examiners . . . . .	8
Associate Medical Examiners . . . . .	9
Commissioners to qualify public officers . . . . .	5
Commissioners of Deeds, resident in other States . . . . .	3

Sheriff, Middlesex County . . . . .	1
Executive Secretary (pro tempore) . . . . .	1
Executive Stenographer (pro tempore) . . . . .	1

4,579

Certificates to the number of 8,950 were issued, of which 2,281 were for certificates for which no fees are charged.

## CORPORATION DIVISION

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, was 3,852. Said certificates of incorporation are classified as follows:—

Business . . . . .	3,346
Religious, charitable, social, etc. . . . .	472
Fraternal beneficiary . . . . .	8
Church . . . . .	11
Credit union . . . . .	13
Gas . . . . .	1
Water . . . . .	1

The number of certificates of every description filed was 41,720. Said certificates are classified as follows:—

Articles of organization of the seven classes of corporations mentioned above . . . . .	3,852
Business increases . . . . .	379
Business amendments . . . . .	2,671
Religious, charitable, social, etc., amendments . . . . .	113
Business consolidations . . . . .	18
Business mergers . . . . .	10
Limited partnerships . . . . .	40
Domestic and foreign conditions . . . . .	28,606
Non-business reports . . . . .	2,671
Foreign increases . . . . .	32
Foreign reductions . . . . .	69
Foreign power attorney by person or partnership . . . . .	7
Statements of trust receipts . . . . .	2,726
Statements of lien upon merchandise . . . . .	60
Trade-marks . . . . .	270
Assignments of trade-marks . . . . .	16
Gas and electric, approval of issue, etc. . . . .	22
Water company, approval of issue, etc. . . . .	6
Railroad and street railway, approval of issue, etc. . . . .	4
Contracts of railroad and street railway companies . . . . .	29
Appointment agent (express) . . . . .	1
Appointment administrator Roman Catholic Church . . . . .	2
Certificates of clerks of various courts relative to dissolution of corporations (covering 2,155 corporations) . . . . .	13
Petition for surrender of charter and dissolution . . . . .	2
Certificates of revival of corporations . . . . .	60
Certificates of consent to change of location of non-business corporations . . . . .	41
	41,720
Non-business charters withheld . . . . .	8
Non-business applications for incorporation withdrawn . . . . .	7
Non-business charters declared void . . . . .	2
Non-business applications for change of name withheld . . . . .	1
Certified copies supplied . . . . .	504
Special certificates supplied . . . . .	413

## VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 46, Section 17, returns of births, marriages and deaths from 351 cities and towns and births and deaths from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury for the year 1949 were received, and cover 97,528 births and 39,608 marriages, a decrease of 2,906 births and a decrease of 6,152 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1848.

Under the provisions of the same law, 51,101 certified copies of records of deaths were received, covering a period from January 1, 1949 to December 31, 1949, a decrease of 1,774 as compared with the returns of 1948.

Medical Examiners' returns for 1949 cover 11,629, a decrease of 107 as compared with returns for 1948.

Returns by Clerks of Courts and Registers of Probate of the decrees of divorce granted during 1949 number 6,862, a decrease of 850 as compared with the returns of 1948.

From July 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950, 7,487 certificates of births, 2,097 certificates of marriages, and 2,733 certificates of deaths were issued, a total of 12,317 certified copies. Besides these, 7,606 were certified abstracts given the Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims without fee.

In addition to the above, 6,149 records were verified for various government agencies.

The demand for records for social security, aid and relief, school and other purposes still continues.

There were 54,494 requests for records during this period.

A total of \$6,838.22 was received by this Division during this fiscal period. Of this amount, \$6,158.50 was for certified copies of birth, marriage and death records; \$51.50 was for certifications of exact copies of records and for exemplified statements; and \$628.22 was refunded to the remitters because excessive amounts were sent in or the requested service could not be rendered. 22,135 card abstracts of birth records for school, employment, enlistment, welfare and civil service purposes were issued without charge.

There were 9,449 references of records of marriages and deaths issued without fee for welfare, old age assistance, employment and insurance purposes.

There were 1,493 delayed records of birth and correction of birth records, 29 corrections of marriages and 43 corrections of death records also received.

Returns of 3,860 names changed in 1949 as decreed by the several probate courts were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 210, Section 12.

## ARCHIVES DIVISION

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950, there have been made 15 military certificates, 14 typewritten copies, and 42,406 photostatic copies of legislative records and files, maps, plans, corporation records, 2,491 veterans' discharges, etc.

The following fees have been received and paid over to the Treasurer: for military certificates, \$16.20; typewritten copies, \$22.00; photostatic copies (certified and uncertified), \$12,443.10; totalling \$12,481.30.

Two volumes (nos. 24 and 25) of printed House Journals were added during the year, and the number is now twenty-five volumes (covering the years 1715 to 1749).

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Sections 166 to 169, as amended, providing for the filing by attorneys of their appearance before the Parole Board in behalf of persons seeking a pardon or parole, thirty-seven attorneys have so filed.

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Section 152, as amended, providing for the filing by the Commissioner of Correction of certified copies of petitions for pardons, paroles and commutation of sentence, together with other documents pertaining thereto, one hundred and seventy-nine cases have been received and filed.

Loyalty card file with about 10,000 cards was received June 15, 1950. Since then 14,100 cards have been received.

With the constantly increasing number of acquisitions to the Archives, additional space for filing and storage must soon be found in order that we may properly serve research workers, genealogists, historians, and the public in general.



## PUBLIC DOCUMENT DIVISION

During the fiscal year 1950, the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: *Reports*: 25,691 copies of the Public Document Series, representing twenty-nine reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions; *Laws*: 9,000 copies of the 1949 bound edition of the Acts and Resolves, commonly called the Blue Book; 10,277 copies of the 1949 pamphlet edition of the Acts and Resolves; 2,297 copies of the 1941 Supplement to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; 7,030 copies of the 1949 Supplement to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; 7,050 copies of the 1949 Supplement to the Laws Relating to Retirement Systems and Pensions; 5,512 copies of the General Laws Relating to Primaries, Caucuses and Elections, 1949; *Veterans Proceedings*: 600 copies of the Proceedings of the Fiftieth Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1949; 1,000 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirtieth Annual Convention, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1948; 630 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-seventh Annual Convention, Disabled American Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1948; 475 copies of the Proceedings of the Eleventh Annual Convention, Marine Corps League, Department of Massachusetts, 1947; *Journals and Manuals*: 600 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, 1949, total 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 10,048 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Fire Service in Cities and Towns, 1949; 4,996 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Police Service in Cities and Towns, 1950; 5,140 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Police Service in Cities and Towns, 1950—A edition; *Massachusetts Reports*: 475 copies of the Massachusetts Reports, Volume 323; making a grand total of 90,821 copies of volumes 245 through 323 now on hand.

## DIVISION OF PUBLIC RECORDS

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 66, Section 1, the supervisor of public records has inspected records of thirty-five cities and twenty-four towns within the Commonwealth, also several counties, as to their care, custody, condition and protection against fire.

Owing to insufficient personnel and inadequate travel funds, greater coverage was impossible.

It was pointed out in the annual report for the year ending June 30, 1949, and again in House Document No. 104, and submitted by this office to the General Court in compliance with General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 33, as amended, that the supervisor of public records and the secretary of the Commonwealth are responsible under chapter 66 of the General Laws for the proper maintenance and preservation of records in the four hundred and two locations within the Commonwealth, including the twenty-one registries of deeds, fourteen probate offices, the clerks of courts of sixteen counties and the offices of thirty-nine cities and three hundred and twelve towns.

On a normal basis an annual inspection of each location is essential, in order that this office may perform its duty under the law. These basic requirements cannot be met because of the shortage of personnel and travel funds.

To perform this essential duty the minimum personnel should consist of the supervisor and a full-time inspector, with a permanent clerk to perform the clerical duties of this office.

The necessary travel cannot be performed unless a sum of not less than three thousand dollars a year is appropriated for travel of the supervisor of public records and an inspector, independent of any other travel appropriation for the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth.

*Microfilm and Photostatic Copies*

Chapter 395 of the Acts of 1949 required each Register of Deeds to make microphotographic process copies of all instruments recorded, beginning on the first day



of January, 1950. Because of failure of county budgets to take this matter into consideration the 1950 session of the General Court provided for an extension of time for the processing of microphotographic copies until October 1, 1950. This was done by chapter 350 of the acts of 1950, approved April 17, 1950, which act also provided that if the county budgets had not made provision for the purchase of microphotographic equipment prior to October 1, 1950 the register of deeds is authorized to procure such equipment, the same to be paid for by the county treasurer with the approval of the register concerned and the secretary of state.

In order to facilitate the financing of the microphotographic equipment the General Court also provided, under chapter 182 of the acts of 1950 that the several counties be authorized to incur obligations for the carrying out of the provisions of chapter 395 of the acts of 1950, notwithstanding the provisions of the General Laws.

#### *Safes, Vaults, etc.*

Specifications approved by this department for fireproof safes and vaults may be obtained upon request.

In one town hall a new vault was installed and same approved by the supervisor.

The installation of several new vaults is contemplated as soon as money is available, and plans for same have been approved.

Steel files were recommended to replace wooden ones in one city hall, and in another steel vault to replace old wooden files in the basement.

#### *Use of Carbon Paper*

Because of the necessity of filing reports in other communities, county and state offices, heretofore city and town clerks have frequently been required to make duplicate original copies of records for transmission to conform with the law in such matters.

The current session of the legislature has provided in chapter 310 (acts of 1950) for the amendment of section 4 of chapter 66 of the General Laws so as to permit the use of carbon paper in preparing such copies, provided the carbon paper has been approved by the supervisor of public records.

#### *Ink, Stamp Pad Ink and Stamp Pads*

State record ink is approved by this department, and orders for same are filled through this office.

A list of approved brands of stamp pad ink and stamp pads may be obtained upon request.

#### *Typewriter Ribbons*

A list of brands of typewriter ribbons approved after certification by reputable chemists that the ribbons have undergone the forty-eight hour "Fade-Ometer" test, has been established. This list is added to from time to time and copies will be furnished upon request.

#### *Repairing and Binding*

Books have been rebound and repaired in several towns, and others are in the process of being rebound, on recommendation of the supervisor.

#### PROCLAMATIONS

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. For the observance of each of the following 10,500 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks:—Commodore John Barry Day, September 13, 1949; Pulaski Day, October 11, 1949; United Nations Day, October 24, 1949; Armistice Day, November 11, 1949; Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1949; New

Orleans Day, January 8, 1950; Lincoln Day, February 12, 1950; Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1950; One Hundred and Eightieth Anniversary of the Boston Massacre, March 5, 1950; Evacuation Day, March 17, 1950; Patriots' Day, April 19, 1950; Loyalty Day, May 1, 1950; Lafayette Day, May 20, 1950; Flag Day, June 14, 1950 and Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1950. August 12, 1949 was designated as Indian Day and 6,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. For the observance of Arbor and Bird Day, April 28, 1950, 10,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 9-15, 1949 and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices. The week of November 7-13, 1949 was set apart as American Education Week and 10,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

January 13, 1950 was set apart by His Excellency the Governor as Good Government Day, and 5,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were printed and distributed to the schools.

On July 19, 1949 His Excellency the Governor also issued a proclamation to the press reopening all sections of forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth at 12:01 P.M. on July 20, 1949, as sufficient rain had fallen to remove the fire hazard which existed in the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth by reason of extreme drought, and also extending the open season on trout from September 1 to September 28, 1949.

A proclamation was also issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press on July 27, 1949 closing all sections of the forests and woodlands of Barnstable, Plymouth, Nantucket, Dukes and Bristol Counties at 12:01 A.M. on July 28, 1949 to all persons except the owners and tenants of such forests and woodlands and their agents or employees or persons holding written permission from such owners or tenants to enter thereon for any purpose not prohibited by law, due to a serious fire hazard.

On August 20, 1949 His Excellency the Governor also issued a proclamation to the press rescinding his action of July 19, 1949 in extending the open season on trout from September 1 to September 28, 1949, since the drought conditions continued to such an extent that the water in the ground and in the streams had not been adequately replenished and since an open season on trout fishing might increase the fire hazard.

His Excellency the Governor also issued a proclamation to the press on September 23, 1949 reopening all sections of forests and woodlands in the counties of Bristol, Plymouth, Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket Counties at 6:41 P.M. on September 23, 1949, as sufficient rain had fallen to remove the fire hazard which existed in the forests and woodlands of said counties by reason of extreme drought.

In observance of Humane Sunday, May 7, 1950 and "Be Kind to Animals Week," May 8-13, 1950, a proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press.

Proclamations were also issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press for the following:—Civil Air Patrol Week, July 17-23, 1949; Massachusetts Farm Safety Week, July 24-30, 1949; National Home Week, September 11-17, 1949; Constitution Day, September 17, 1949; Ecuador Relief Week, September 19-24, 1949; Nineteenth Annual Observance of Religious Education Week, October 2-8, 1949; National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, October 2-8, 1949; Cranberry Week, October 10-15, 1949; Civil Rights Week, October 23-29, 1949; Teen-Age Week, October 23-29, 1949; Future Homemakers Week, First Week in November, 1949; Kids' Day, November 19, 1949; Arthritis Week, November 21-26, 1949; Printing and Publishing Week, January 16-21, 1950; Big Brother Week, January 15-21, 1950; Boy Scout Week, February 6-12, 1950; Negro History Week, February 12-18, 1950; Heart Week, February 12-18, 1950; Brotherhood Week, February 19-26, 1950; Negro Newspaper Week, February 26-March 4, 1950; Girl Scouts of the United States Day, March 12, 1950; National Wildlife

Restoration Week, March 19-25, 1950; Greek Independence Day, March 25, 1950; Cancer Control Month, the month of April, 1950; Pan American Day, April 14, 1950 and Pan American Week, April 9-15, 1950; Plant Massachusetts to Help Plant American Week, the week of April 28, 1950; Boys and Girls Week, April 29 to May 6, 1950; Child Health Day, May 1, 1950; Newsboys' Week, May 8-13, 1950; Music Week, May 7-14, 1950; Big Lift Day, May 9, 1950; Girls' Clubs Week, May 14-20, 1950; Armed Forces Week, May 14-20, 1950; Mother's Day, May 14, 1950; Save for your Independence, period from May 15-July 4, 1950; Foot Health Week, May 20-27, 1950; Achievement Day, May 22, 1950; Americal Division Day, May 27, 1950; Rededication Month in Massachusetts, the month of June, 1950 and Massachusetts Day at the National Capital Sesquicentennial, June 17, 1950.

On March 29, 1950 a proclamation was also issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press calling upon every citizen of the Commonwealth and upon every person temporarily resident within our borders to give his or her complete cooperation to the census enumerators on their official visits for the Seventeenth Decennial Census of the United States to commence on April 1, 1950.

#### PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, RESPITES, REQUISITIONS, ETC.

The number of pardons executed and issued during the year was 43, of which 22 were full and complete, and 21 were issued under parole conditions; commutations, 4; respites, 20; and discharges from state hospitals, 2; requisitions: upon other States, 78, upon the Secretary of the Navy of the United States, 1; and upon the Chief Justice of the District Court of the United States for the District Court of Columbia, 4; and warrants issued upon requisitions from other States, 35.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND AGENTS' EXPENSES

In compliance with General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 3, Sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relative to the filing of legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation, there were during or following the 1949 session of the General Court 362 entries made in the dockets, an increase of 52 as compared with 1948. Returns for the 1950 session were not received until after the close of the session and the close of the Fiscal Year 1949-1950.

Returns covering 322 entries were received from persons, associations or corporations employing legislative counsel or agents. Twenty-six employers who failed to file returns within the time prescribed by law were reported to the Attorney General.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel or agents was \$403,887. Of this amount \$76,203 represents annual salaries or retainers of regular employees, apportioned, and \$127,350 unapportioned, and \$200,334 payments in connection with legislation only. Thirteen employers stated that they paid nothing.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Two proposed constitutional amendments are pending for submission to the people upon the official ballot for the 1950 state election.

#### INITIATIVE PETITIONS FILED

##### FOR

—An Act providing that classifications of risks and premium charges under the compulsory motor vehicle liability insurance law shall be uniform throughout the Commonwealth was filed September 8, 1949.

Under date of December 6, 1949, subsequent signatures were filed under the provisions of the Constitution and the initiative measure was submitted to the Legislature on January 4, 1950.

The initiative measure failed enactment by the legislature and is now awaiting subsequent signatures.



—An Act repealing an act providing for the transportation of private school pupils to and from school, was filed September 12, 1949, under date of December 7, 1949. Subsequent signatures were filed under the provisions of the Constitution and the initiative measure was submitted to the legislature on January 4, 1950.

The initiative measure was enacted into law by the Legislature and became Chapter 478 of the Acts of 1950.

—An Act amending the Old Age Assistance Law so as to provide to certain deserving persons in need of relief and support at sixty-three years of age or over a minimum payment of seventy-five dollars per month; and to such blind, eligible, deserving persons a minimum payment of eighty-five dollars per month, was filed September 14, 1949.

Under date of November 29, 1949, subsequent signatures were filed under the provision of the Constitution and the initiative measure was submitted to the Legislature on January 4, 1950.

The initiative measure failed enactment by the legislature and is now awaiting subsequent signatures.

—An Act authorizing the conduct of a state lottery to provide additional funds for payments of assistance to aged persons by way of pension or otherwise, and for aid to the needy blind and to dependent children was filed September 14, 1949.

On November 29, 1949, subsequent signatures were filed under the provisions of the Constitution and the initiative measure was submitted to the Legislature on January 4, 1950.

The initiative measure failed enactment by the legislature and is now awaiting subsequent signatures.

—An Act providing for the licensing and regulation of off-track betting offices for the making or receiving of wagers on the speed or ability of horses or dogs, was filed September 27, 1949.

No subsequent signatures were filed.

—An Act providing for the establishment and administration of a cash sickness compensation law for certain employees, was filed September 27, 1949.

No subsequent signatures were filed.

## REFERENDUM PETITION

Referendum of Chapter 796, Section 2, of the Acts of 1949 was filed September 28, 1949, requesting that Chapter 796, Section 2, of the Acts of 1949, be repealed as provided by Article XLVIII of the Constitution.

The Attorney General did not approve the measure.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS

By General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 30, Section 37, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments, boards and commissions during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950: Department of Banking and Insurance; Department of Civil Service and Registration; Department of Conservation; Department of Education; Department of Labor and Industries; Department of Public Health; Department of Public Safety; Department of Public Utilities; Department of Public Works; Appellate Tax Board; Division of Employment Security; Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission and Milk Control Board.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Election Statistics (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

EDWARD J. CRONIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*





RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL LAWS

When Received	City or Town	Subject and Reference	Action	Date of Action
1949				
July 1	Natick	Uniforms for police and firemen (G. L. 40, s. 6B)	Accepted	May 17, 1949
July 1	Natick	Appointment of inspector of animals (G. L. 129, s. 15)	Accepted	May 17, 1949
July 14	Grafton	Collection by collector of accounts due to city (G. L. 41, s. 38A)	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1949
Aug. 3	Spencer	Vacations for certain employees of certain cities and towns, 1949, 475 (G. L. 41, s. 111)	Accepted	Aug. 1, 1949
Aug. 3	Spencer	Vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 172 (G. L. 41, s. 111A)	Accepted	Aug. 1, 1949
Aug. 29	Brockton	Vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 172 (G. L. 41, s. 111A)	Accepted	Aug. 25, 1949
Aug. 29	Everett	Establishment of reserve fire forces in cities (G. L. 48, ss. 59B-59E)	Accepted	Apr. 8, 1949
Oct. 4	Everett	Publication of ordinances and proposed ordinances in certain cities (G. L. 40, s. 32A)	Accepted	Sept. 30, 1949
Oct. 13	Athol	Absent voting at town elections, 1948, 477, s. 2 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Oct. 10, 1949
Oct. 27	Cambridge	Vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 384 (G. L. 41, s. 111D)	Accepted	Oct. 24, 1949
Nov. 15	Grafton	Fees for slaughter licenses, 1949, 334, ss. 2 and 3 (G. L. 94, ss. 120 and 120A)	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1949
Nov. 17	Haverhill	Plan D form of government (G. L. 43, ss. 79-92)	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1949
Nov. 18	Woburn	Office of city collector placed within the classified civil service, 1941, 414 (G. L. 31, s. 49A)	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1949
Nov. 18	Woburn	Appropriation for removal of snow and ice from private ways, 1943, 225 (G. L. 40, s. 6C)	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1949
Nov. 21	Boston	Plan A form of government 1948, 452, ss. 10-20	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1949
Nov. 21	North Adams	Plan D form of government (G. L. 43, ss. 79-92)	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1949
Nov. 21	Springfield	Plan D form of government (G. L. 43, ss. 79-92)	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1949
Nov. 21	Somerville	Plan E form of government (G. L. 43, ss. 93-116)	Rejected	Nov. 8, 1949
Nov. 21	Everett	Indemnification of employees of certain cities and towns for damages sustained through the operation of certain municipally owned vehicles, 1949, 128 (G. L. 41, s. 100A)	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1949
Dec. 5	Medford	Vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 384 (G. L. 41, s. 111D)	Accepted	June 22, 1949
Dec. 5	Medford	Pay for municipal employees serving annual tour of duty in the militia, 1939, 425, s. 1 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	Nov. 30, 1949
Dec. 6	Everett	Vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 384 (G. L. 41, s. 111D)	Accepted	Nov. 30, 1949
Dec. 6	Lynn	Vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 384 (G. L. 41, s. 111D)	Accepted	Nov. 29, 1949
Dec. 12	Gloucester	Plan E form of government (G. L. 43, ss. 93-116)	Accepted	Nov. 15, 1949
Dec. 12	North Adams	Plan D form of government (G. L. 43, ss. 79-92)	Accepted	Dec. 7, 1949
Dec. 13	Watertown	Pay for municipal employees serving annual tour of duty in the militia, 1939, 425, s. 1 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	Dec. 6, 1949
Dec. 15	Cambridge	Indemnification of employees of certain cities and towns for damages sustained through the operation of certain municipally owned vehicles, 1949, 128 (G. L. 41, s. 100A)	Accepted	Nov. 14, 1949
Dec. 20	Easthampton	Indoor basketball games to be played on the Lord's day (G. L. 136, ss. 21-25)	Accepted	Dec. 12, 1949
Dec. 30	Lawrence	Uniforms for police and firemen (G. L. 40, s. 6B)	Accepted	Dec. 28, 1949



# RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yea	No
1949					
July 1	Clerk, Swansea Water District, Swansea	An Act establishing the Swansea water district in the town of Swansea (1949, 137)	May 9, 1949	-1	-
July 1	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act making certain that service required under certain provisions of law providing pensions for laborers in the employ of the city of Lowell need not be continuous (1949, 466)	June 28, 1949	-2	-
July 11	Secretary, Essex County Commissioners	An Act to authorize the county of Essex to reimburse John Wilson for moneys taken from him by a prisoner and expenses incurred in the recovery of his automobile (1949, 464)	July 6, 1949	-3	-
July 21	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act relative to the retirement of certain police officers and firemen of the city of Lowell (1949, 438)	July 19, 1949	-2	-
July 25	City Clerk, Boston	An Act amending and revising the acts creating the Metropolitan Transit Authority and the Boston Metropolitan District (1949, 572)	July 25, 1949	-4	-
July 26	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to take land from a public playground in said city for highway purposes (1949, 250)	July 22, 1949	-4	-
July 27	City Clerk, Boston	An Act to authorize the city of Boston to construct and maintain a viaduct over and across the passage of water known as the "Back Way" in lower Boston Harbor, between Long Island and Moon Island and approaches thereto on both Long Island and Moon Island (1949, 480)	July 25, 1949	-4	-
Aug. 3	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the salaries of the board of assessors of the city of Boston (1949, 393)	Aug. 1, 1949	-4	-
Sept. 7	City Clerk, Boston	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain retired members of the city of Boston, the county of Suffolk, and their beneficiaries (1949, 681)	Sept. 2, 1949	-4	-
Sept. 19	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act authorizing the city of Somerville to retire John J. Curtin at the annual rate of compensation received by him at the date of retirement (1949, 708)	Sept. 15, 1949	-5	-
Sept. 19	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former firemen and police officers of certain cities and towns who have been retired (1949, 636)	Sept. 15, 1949	-5	-
Sept. 19	City Clerk, Revere	An Act relative to the granting of vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in certain cities and towns (1949, 384)	Aug. 19, 1949	-2	-
Sept. 19	City Clerk, Everett	An Act authorizing the conveyance of certain park land by the city of Everett to the Everett Housing Authority for veterans' housing purposes (1949, 715)	Sept. 1, 1949	-5	-
Sept. 22	City Clerk, Cambridge	Lovett, now a member of the fire department of said city (1949, 672)	Sept. 19, 1949	-2	-
Sept. 22	Assistant Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to pay a full pay pension to Private Thomas J. W. Wilding (1949, 669)	Sept. 20, 1949	-5	-
Oct. 6	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Bristol to increase the retirement allowance of James house at Lawrence (1949, 729)	Sept. 13, 1949	-3	-



Oct. 7	City Clerk, Somerville . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Somerville to pay a certain sum of money to Isobel M. Cheney, a public school teacher in said city (1949, 432)	Oct.	4, 1949	- <sup>5</sup>	-
Oct. 13	Clerk, North Raynham Water District, Raynham . . .	An Act establishing the North Raynham Water District in the town of Raynham (1949, 483)	Sept.	16, 1949	- <sup>7</sup>	-
Oct. 24	Assistant City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act authorizing the transfer of certain land on Tremont street in the city of Boston from the park department to the public welfare department of said city (1949, 803)	Oct.	19, 1949	- <sup>3</sup>	-
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Marlborough . . .	An Act authorizing the placing of the office of chief of police of the city of Marlborough under the civil service laws (1949, 610)	Nov.	1, 1949	4,786	2,047
Nov. 14	City Clerk, Marlborough . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former firemen and police officers of certain cities and towns who have been retired (1949, 636)	Nov.	9, 1949	- <sup>4</sup>	-
Nov. 15	City Clerk, New Bedford . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former firemen and police officers of certain cities and towns who have been retired (1949, 636)	Nov.	14, 1949	- <sup>4</sup>	-
Nov. 18	City Clerk, Woburn . . .	An Act amending the charter of the city of Woburn by providing for the initiative and referendum (1946, 263)	Nov.	8, 1949	4,517	1,358
Nov. 21	City Clerk, Everett . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former firemen and police officers of certain cities and towns who have been retired (1949, 636)	Nov.	12, 1949	- <sup>4</sup>	-
Dec. 5	City Clerk, Medford . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former firemen and police officers of certain cities and towns who have been retired (1949, 636)	Nov.	30, 1949	- <sup>5</sup>	-
Dec. 12	City Clerk, North Adams . . .	An Act revising the charter of the city of North Adams (1949, 402)	Dec.	6, 1949	- <sup>5</sup>	-
Dec. 14	Framingham . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former firemen and police officers of certain cities and towns who have been retired (1949, 636)	Dec.	12, 1949	- <sup>9</sup>	-
Dec. 15	City Clerk, Lowell . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former firemen and police officers of certain cities and towns who have been retired (1949, 636)	Dec.	14, 1949	- <sup>2</sup>	-
Dec. 15	City Clerk, Holyoke . . .	An Act providing for party primaries in the city of Holyoke (1949, 215)	Nov.	8, 1949	9,106	13,470
Dec. 21	City Clerk, Worcester . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain public employees (1948, 588)	Dec.	5, 1949	- <sup>2</sup>	-
1950						
Feb. 15	Town Clerk, East Longmeadow . . .	An Act to authorize the town of East Longmeadow to borrow money for the purpose of constructing, equipping and furnishing school buildings, (1949, 158)	Feb.	13, 1950	602	162
Mar. 1	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners . . .	An Act providing for additional accommodations for the registry of deeds and registry of probate in Cambridge (1950, 123)	Feb.	28, 1950	- <sup>10</sup>	-
Mar. 10	Town Clerk, Watertown . . .	An Act combining the offices of tree warden and moth superintendent in the town of Watertown (1949, 112)	Mar.	6, 1950	8,066	980
Mar. 13	Assistant City Clerk, Worcester . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to use a portion of Rockwood Field, a public playground, for school purposes (1950, 14)	Mar.	8, 1950	- <sup>3</sup>	-
Mar. 21	Town Clerk, Sudbury . . .	An Act authorizing the placing of the office of chief of police of the town of Sudbury under the civil service laws (1950, 86)	Mar.	6, 1950	650	134
Mar. 21	Clerk, Barnstable County Commissioners . . .	An Act providing for certain improvements at the Barnstable County Sanatorium (1950, 185)	Mar.	17, 1950	- <sup>11</sup>	-
Mar. 22	Town Clerk, Natick . . .	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the present town clerk of the town of Natick (1950, 87)	Mar.	6, 1950	3,258	1,200
Mar. 22	Town Clerk, Natick . . .	An Act to establish in the town of Natick representative town government by limited town meetings (1938, 2)	Mar.	6, 1950	2,318	2,698
Apr. 4	City Clerk, Somerville . . .	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the present deputy election commissioner of the city of Somerville (1950, 218)	Mar.	23, 1950	- <sup>5</sup>	-

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				Yes	No
1950					
Apr. 10	Secretary, Trustees of Governor Dummer Academy, South Byfield	An Act changing the name of the Trustees of Dummer Academy, in the county of Essex to Governor Dummer Academy (1950, 285)	Apr. 8, 1950	-12	-
Apr. 11	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act providing that the fire department of the city of Holyoke shall pay an annual rental for the use of water used by said department (1950, 174)	Apr. 4, 1950	-5	-
Apr. 11	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to annual vacations for certain police officers of the city of Boston (1950, 243)	Apr. 10, 1950	-4	-
Apr. 11	Assistant City Clerk, Quincy	An Act authorizing the city of Quincy to pay a certain claim legally unenforceable by reason of failure to comply with certain provisions of its city charter (1950, 239)	Apr. 3, 1950	-3	-
Apr. 12	City Clerk, Boston	An Act placing the incumbent of the office of veteran service physician in the Department of Veterans' Services of the city of Boston under the civil service laws and relative to the retirement rights of the incumbent of said position (1950, 278)	Apr. 10, 1950	-4	-
Apr. 21	City Clerk, Boston	An Act placing the incumbent of the position of senior registrar in the municipal employment bureau of the city of Boston under the civil service laws and rules (1950, 311)	Apr. 18, 1950	-4	-
Apr. 24	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act authorizing the restoration of a certain person to the eligible list for police officers in the city of Holyoke (1950, 312)	Apr. 18, 1950	-5	-
Apr. 24	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act providing that the fire department of the city of Holyoke shall pay an annual rental for the use of water used by said department (1950, 174)	Apr. 18, 1950	-5	-
Apr. 24	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to membership in the State-Boston Retirement System (1950, 355)	Apr. 21, 1950	-4	-
Apr. 26	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act relative to the civil service status of the safety inspector in the building inspector's office in the city of Lawrence (1950, 244)	Apr. 24, 1950	-2	-
Apr. 26	Town Clerk, Danvers	An Act to establish the town manager form of government in the town of Danvers (1949, 13)	Mar. 7, 1949	2,670	1,297
May 5	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act relative to the civil service status of the health inspector in the health department of the city of Lynn (1950, 150)	Apr. 25, 1950	-3	-
May 5	City Clerk, Medford	An Act authorizing the city of Medford to appropriate and pay a sum of money to Vincent Amoroso to reimburse him for certain medical expenses (1950, 309)	May 2, 1950	-2	-
May 5	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act transferring certain park land from the department of public parks of the city of Springfield to the city of Springfield (1950, 26)	May 1, 1950	-3	-
May 8	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act relative to the civil service status of Bernard Johanson, an employee in the building department of the city of Springfield (1950, 341)	May 4, 1950	-3	-
May 8	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the city of Lynn to sell part of Cedar Brook Playground, so-called, in said city (1950, 12)	Apr. 25, 1950	-3	-

May 12	Clerk, Dighton Water District, Dighton . . . . .	An Act establishing the Dighton Water District in the town of Dighton, and repealing acts establishing the Dighton Water Supply District and the South Dighton Fire and Water District (1950, 359)	May 18, 1950	-13
May 17	Assistant City Clerk, Worcester . . . . .	An Act placing the incumbent of the position of substitute matron in the police department in the city of Worcester, Mary C. Mayes, under the civil service laws and rules (1950, 352)	May 10, 1950	-2
May 18	City Clerk, Boston . . . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to reimburse certain employees for loss resulting from a certain theft (1950, 382)	May 16, 1950	-4
May 22	Assistant City Clerk, Quincy . . . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Quincy to purchase for public use land now owned by the Quincy Housing Authority (1950, 383)	May 15, 1950	-2
May 31	Assistant City Clerk, Worcester . . . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to pay a sum of money to Mary E. McHugh of said city (1950, 279)	May 24, 1950	-2
June 1	City Clerk, Lynn . . . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Lynn to sell certain land held by its park department (1950, 13)	May 9, 1950	-2
June 2	Clerk, Auburn Water District, Auburn . . . . .	An Act establishing the Auburn Water District in the town of Auburn (1947, 585)	May 24, 1950	-14
June 6	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners . . . . .	An Act authorizing the county of Middlesex to pay a sum of money to John Haughey of Newton (1950, 415)	June 2, 1950	-10
June 14	City Clerk, Lawrence . . . . .	An Act relative to the retirement of certain police officers and firemen of the city of Lawrence (1950, 437)	June 12, 1950	-2
June 16	Board of Park Commissioners, Springfield . . . . .	An Act transferring certain park land from the department of public parks of the city of Springfield to the city of Springfield (1950, 26)	June 13, 1950	-15

<sup>1</sup>Accepted by the Swansea Water District.  
<sup>2</sup>Accepted by the city council.  
<sup>3</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.  
<sup>4</sup>Accepted by the mayor and city council.  
<sup>5</sup>Accepted by the board of aldermen.  
<sup>6</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Bristol County.  
<sup>7</sup>Accepted by the North Raynham Water District.  
<sup>8</sup>Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.  
<sup>9</sup>Adopted by unanimous vote.  
<sup>10</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.  
<sup>11</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Barnstable County.  
<sup>12</sup>Accepted by the Trustees of Governor Dummer Academy.  
<sup>13</sup>Accepted by the Dighton Water District.  
<sup>14</sup>Accepted by the Auburn Water District.  
<sup>15</sup>Accepted by the park commissioners of Springfield.





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Secretary of the Commonwealth

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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, July 1, 1951.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:—*

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, Chapter 9, Section 17, as amended, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951. This report also includes the returns from cities and towns relative to action taken under certain provisions of the General Laws, and returns relative to the acceptance or rejection of certain Special Acts passed by the General Court, which returns were received during the fiscal year 1951.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD J. CRONIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

## LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Under date of November 1, 1950, a communication was addressed to the General Court as follows:—

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:*

In compliance with General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 33, as amended, I have the honor to submit herewith such portions of my annual report (Public Document Number 46) as embody recommendations for legislation, accompanied by drafts of bills and resolves to cover said recommendations.

Of the recommendations submitted, several were enacted into law while others were referred to the next annual session. All which became law are included in the next following subject heading embracing legislation enacted during the 1951 session.

## 1951 LEGISLATION RELATIVE TO MATTERS CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

During the 1951 session of the General Court several acts and resolves were passed which affect or concern the Office of the Secretary, or the subject of elections, in which this office plays an important part. Briefly, these statutes are as follows:

Chapter 56. An act relative to the destruction of certain records by City and Town Clerks. Approved February 16, 1951.

Chapter 58. An act relative to certain fees to be charged by City and Town Clerks. Approved February 16, 1951.

Chapter 104. An act to regulate the use of the word "Veteran" by candidates for public office. Approved March 2, 1951.

Chapter 153. An act pertaining to applications for absent voters who by reason of physical disability are unable to cast their vote in person at the polling place on the day of the election. Approved March 15, 1951.

Chapter 200. An act making express provision for the recovery of unlawfully detained public records. Approved April 3, 1951.

Chapter 332. An act requiring candidates for, or persons accepting nomination by a political party at a state primary to be certified as enrolled members of such party. Approved May 19, 1951.

Chapter 397. An act providing that the supervisor of public records shall be a member of the board authorized to sell or destroy certain books and records of the Commonwealth (House 1201). Approved June 14, 1951.

Chapter 409. An act relative to the fees payable to the State Secretary for certain commissions. Approved June 14, 1951.

Chapter 445. An act increasing the fee for the filing of certain statements with the State Secretary concerning trust receipt transactions. Approved June 28, 1951.

Chapter 469. An act providing for the transmission to the State Secretary and certain local officials of copies of decrees annulling marriages. Approved June 30, 1951.

Chapter 556. An act to regulate the filing of rules and regulations by State Departments and certain other state agencies. Approved July 25, 1951.

Chapter 576. An act providing for a notice and public hearing prior to the issuance by State Departments, Commissions, Boards or Officials of Rules and Regulations to be observed or performed under penalty for the violations thereof. Approved August 1, 1951.

Chapter 709. An act providing for the use of separate voting machines for each of the political parties in the casting of votes at state primaries. Approved October 5, 1951.

The 1951 General Court is still in session at the date of the preparation of this report and of necessity any measures enacted during the closing days of the session cannot be included in this report.

Recommendations for proposed legislation to be submitted to the General Court of 1952 will be submitted with a separate letter of transmittal.

For convenience and information the following notations are made concerning certain pertinent Chapters of the 1951 Acts and Resolves which are listed above.

## ADMINISTRATION

### FEES

This office recommended to the General Court of 1951 that certain of the fees charged by statute in this department were inadequate to cover the costs and the detailed clerical work required in this department. As a result of this report the fees incident to appointment as Notary Public and Justice of the Peace were increased from five dollars (\$5.00) to seven dollars (\$7.00) by Chapter 409. Likewise the fees for filing trust receipt transactions which in many instances involved tens of thousands and hundreds of thousands of dollars were increased from one dollar (\$1.00) to three dollars (\$3.00) under Chapter 445.

### LICENSES

The issue of licenses as peddlers and hawkers to disabled veterans and blind persons without charge were authorized under Chapter 395.

Hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses may be issued without charge to blind persons and to those over seventy years of age. This is provided for in Chapter 405.

### RECORDS

Authority is given to City and Town Clerks with the written approval of the Supervisor of Public Records to destroy certain indices and records twenty years after such indices or records were made if such records have been reproduced by micro-photograph by Chapter 56 of the Acts of 1951. This statute also gives the micro-photograph of any index or record so reproduced the same force and effect as the original index or record.

Chapter 200 provides for the recovery of unlawfully detained public records upon complaint of any public officer entitled to custody to the Superior Court.

Chapter 397 adds the Supervisor of Public Records to the Board authorized to sell, destroy, or otherwise dispose of duplicate, surplus, obsolete or worthless public books, documents, vouchers or other instruments after advertisement and public hearing (if requested) by Chapter 30, Section 42 of the General Laws as amended. (The State Librarian, the Attorney General and the Chairman of the Commission on Administration and Finance, or their designated representatives, are the other members.)

### RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

Heretofore persons who entered public service after attaining the age of fifty-five years were not eligible for membership in the contributory retirement systems, State, County or Municipal. Eligibility has been extended to allow persons who first enter public service up to the age of sixty years to be admitted into the retire-



ment system under Chapter 644. This statute likewise allows those who heretofore entered public service when fifty-five but not yet sixty years of age at the time of entry to be admitted to membership upon making certain prescribed back payments.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

Prior to Chapter 556 of 1951 certain departments, commissions, boards and officials were required to file with the office of the state secretary rules and regulations promulgated by those agencies only when failure to comply with the same entailed a penalty. This resulted in considerable confusion to public officials and to the public. Very frequently records were searched for at this office but information was sought concerning rules and regulations which were general in scope and had force of law but did not carry a penalty for non-compliance. Upon a recommendation from this office every department, commission, board and official vested by law with the power to make rules and regulations general in scope is now required to file an attested copy with the state secretary even when such rules and regulations require the approval of the Governor and Council before the same can become binding and effective. The said Chapter 556 was based upon the recommendation of the State Secretary and will assure to the general public and to the officials of the Commonwealth and its sub-divisions a central depository where all rules and regulations effective currently or at any given date may be found.

Chapter 576 requires all such agencies as are authorized to make rules and regulations general in their scope, and providing a penalty, to hold a public hearing thereon after advertising notice of hearing for three consecutive weeks and to refrain from filing such rules and regulations with the Secretary for twenty-one (21) days after hearing.

### NEW ENACTMENTS RELATIVE TO ELECTIONS

In the field of elections the new 1951 statutes contain among other things the following items of interest:

a. Chapter 104 provides that no person except a veteran of the United States Armed Services, as described in the General Laws (Chapter 31, Section 21), shall use the word "veteran" as a candidate for nomination or election to any public office unless the word veteran is accompanied by other words indicating the country for which he served.

b. Chapter 153 requires certificates of physical disability to cast a vote at a polling place to be executed by a registered physician, an *attending* registered nurse, superintendent of a hospital or a practitioner of the Christian Science Church before an absentee ballot can be issued.

c. Chapter 257 permits members of police and fire departments not on active duty to distribute material 150 feet distant from a polling place when at an election there is upon the ballot a referendum concerning conditions of employment, hours of labor or affecting the conditions of a police or fire department.

d. Chapter 332 requires all persons who are candidates for statewide office, the legislature, congress or county office to file with the state secretary a certificate from the registrars of voters of the municipality where such candidate resides that such candidate is an enrolled voter of the party in which the candidate seeks nomination, on or before the last day for filing nomination papers. Unless this is done the name of the candidate cannot be printed on the ballot.

e. Chapter 709 is a permissive act which authorizes the election commissioners or city or town clerks to provide separate voting machines for each political party at state primaries after notice to the state secretary ninety days before the date of a primary, in cities and towns where voting machines are used.

### GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Quite apart from the physical mechanics of an office such as that of Secretary of the Commonwealth, the relation of the office to the general public at other levels should be examined.

It has been my experience as Secretary that the public is not altogether aware of the facilities and services available to the citizens of the Commonwealth and that this unawareness of necessity reduces the maximum effectiveness of the Department.

One of the recommendations embodied in the Annual Report which would permit the employment of personnel to operate a public information service would go far towards improving this situation.

A very noticeable increase has occurred in the matter of the utilization of the divisional units within the Department by individuals seeking information.

The daily mails are heavy with inquiries concerning phases of Massachusetts and early Colonial history as well as requests for pamphlets, brochures and other printed matter concerning the Commonwealth.

Because of the lack of an appropriate agency to properly reply to such communications, they are funneled first to divisions of the Department and, in some cases, to the Industrial and Development Commission.

The number of distinguished guests, students, tourists, civic organizations and visitors to the office has doubled within a three year period and, while it is heartening to find an increasing interest in our State government and its history, it must be restated that a shortage of trained personnel, due to curtailed budgets, makes it impossible for these people to receive the type of hospitality due them.

Although the amount of business transacted and the amount of revenue received in various divisions of the office have each shown a decided increase, there has been no commensurate enlargement of employee personnel. This situation makes it increasingly difficult to furnish the public with the quality of service and the prompt attention which our citizens expect and to which they are entitled.

EDWARD J. CRONIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

## MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

There will be submitted for consideration to the General Court of 1952 several matters which in the judgment of this office require legislative action in order that the Office of the Secretary may more fully perform the service to the public which the constitution and the statutes creating the Office of the Secretary contemplate. These recommendations are set forth herein in alphabetical order.

## ARCHIVES

The Massachusetts Archives, the popular designation of the collection of historical documents on file in the Department consists of 312 bound volumes. Up to the present time, less than 50 volumes have been catalogued. The purposes served by cataloguing these volumes are many. It offers us a reference from which to work but the principal value would be to enable this office to locate subject matter and to trace each missing document more readily. We are at present endeavoring to check on missing documents. Inasmuch as the majority of the books are not catalogued little progress can be made.

The recent publicity focused on stolen documents further emphasizes the need for prompt action.

Therefore, I respectfully request that proper steps be taken to provide for an addition of a minimum of five temporary cataloguers to the present personnel. These clerks would have years of work which is not only useful but absolutely necessary. An appropriation for this purpose will be requested from the General Court.

## BUREAU OF INFORMATION

There is no adequate general information service concerning the activities and the departments of the Commonwealth available at the State House. The general public looks to the Office of the Secretary for such service. This is the office to which such a function should be attached. To give such service in a satisfactory manner two clerks should be assigned to definite space for this express major duty. It has been determined by the General Court that legislation is not necessary to set up such a bureau. There are no clerks now available for assignment to such duty. Therefore, an appropriation will be sought to provide for a senior and a junior clerk to be assigned to a bureau of information.

## COMPILATION OF LAWS

The long continued practice of providing at odd intervals, usually about twenty years apart, for the compilation of the General Laws of the Commonwealth by a special commission is archaic, cumbersome, extravagant, inefficient and unsatisfactory. The expense is great and frequently the finished product is obsolete in large part within a year of its completion. In each revision this work has been extended over at least a three-year period, as is the case with the present commission, now functioning under Chapter 94 of the Resolves of 1948. The work of the present commission has progressed to a point where it should be continued until the work is completed. The General Court has established a deadline in 1952.

It is quite possible to avoid further repetition of this awkward process by the creation of a permanent division charged with the duty of currently preparing an index to the Acts and Resolves during the sessions of the General Court, and with the further duty of preparing and publishing annually a supplement to the General Laws, including all such laws adopted since the last codification, with marginal notes, chronological legislative history, citations of court decisions, and such other material as may be helpful, and with calling to the attention of the General Court in each year inconsistencies, repetitions, mistakes, omissions, and imperfections contained in the laws. The division should report to the General Court on the first Wednesday of January of each year.

The said division should be established in the office of the State Secretary. It would be much more efficient and more economical than the present method. It should be headed by an expert in the field of statutory law and one familiar with judicial decisions interpreting statutes, with a substantial salary consistent with such experience, established by the Legislature or to be approved by the Governor



and Council. This expert should have one trained assistant and a secretary familiar with exact legal terminology. He should be charged currently with co-operation with the existing commission and after the present commission has finished its work he should be responsible for keeping the General Laws of Massachusetts current. A bill to accomplish this purpose will be presented to the 1952 Session.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

The term, constitutional officers, under the constitution of this Commonwealth embraces the members of the House and Senate in the Legislative Department; the justices of the Supreme Judicial Court in the Judicial Department; and the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Auditor and Attorney General in the Executive Department. In the ordinary acceptance of the term in everyday conversation, the term, constitutional officer, to the average citizen means the four executive officers other than the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, or more exactly stated, the State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Auditor and the Attorney General. For the purposes of this recommendation, the term, constitutional officer, is considered in the light of this general acceptance of the term.

Clearly in their origin the constitutional offices were created to share the principal executive functions in the government on the basis of entire equality. This they continue to do despite the creation of various statutory courts and sundry executive and administrative posts to assist in the complex and perplexing problems of government in modern society. The burdens of the constitutional officers have grown apace. The number of statutory officers has likewise increased considerably to meet the demands of the times. The salaries now provided for constitutional officers are not equalized nor are they in line with other salaries. And yet, they bear many of the most exacting and onerous duties and responsibilities in our government.

In the process of salary adjustment, statutory officers have been given consideration during the last half century to a greater extent than have the constitutional officers, largely for the very clear reason that until 1946 the salary of the chief executive was continued at the \$10,000 level. Until the salary of the Governor was increased, naturally little consideration was given to an increase in the salary of other constitutional officers. The historical background of the salaries of the Massachusetts constitutional officers is set forth in the following table:—

<i>STATUTES</i>	<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Auditor</i>	<i>Attorney General</i>
1902, R.L. cc. 5, 6, 7	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$3,500	\$ 5,000
1907, c. 276	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
1912, c. 575	—	—	—	7,000
1914, c. 589	6,000	—	—	—
1919 { c. 308	—	6,000	—	—
{ c. 309	—	—	6,000	—
1920, c. 422	—	—	—	8,000
1929, c. 318	7,000	—	—	—
1946, c. 591	8,000	7,000	7,000	10,000
1949, c. 789	9,000	9,000	9,000	12,000

The salaries of thirty-five justices of two statutory courts, the Superior Court and the Land Court have been established at \$16,000, except that the Chief Justice of the Superior Court receives a salary of \$17,000. The salaries of five judges of probate have been established at \$13,500 and the salaries of eight additional judges of probate at \$11,500. The salaries of the nine justices of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston have been established at \$12,000 for the justices and \$13,000 for the Chief Justice. The salary of the judge of the Juvenile Court of the City of Boston has been established at \$9,975. The salaries of six judges in the district courts at Worcester, Springfield and Malden have been established at \$9,900. It thus appears that sixty-seven judges of statutory courts are receiving larger salaries than those paid to three of the constitutional officers of the Commonwealth.



The Commissioner of Mental Health, Civil Defense, Public Works, and the Chairman of the Metropolitan District Commission receive salaries of \$15,000.

Thirty-five statutory officers serving as commissioners or directors in various departments receive salaries of from \$10,000 to \$12,500.

Thirteen additional statutory officers on various commissions, boards, and agencies of the Commonwealth receive salaries of \$9,000.

As of the date of passage of Chapter 715 of the Acts of 1951, twenty-eight classified officers and employees of the Commonwealth receive salaries in excess of \$9,000 per year and it is believed that approximately another score of officers are raised to a salary in excess of \$9,000 by the terms of Chapter 715 of the Acts of 1951.

It is clear, therefore, that 147 to 167 persons in the employ of the Commonwealth who hold statutory offices are paid as much as are three of the constitutional officers; that 134 to 154 of these employees and officers are paid more than three of the constitutional officers and that, excluding the judiciary entirely, 67 to 87 of such employees and officers of the Commonwealth are paid more than is paid to three of the constitutional officers.

This statement is written to present a factual background for a recommendation that the salaries of the constitutional officers of the Commonwealth should be raised to a standard fairly comparable to the dignity and responsibility of the offices which they hold and a further recommendation that all of the four constitutional officers concerned should be compensated in the same bracket. The salary of one of the constitutional officers, the Attorney General, has been established at \$12,000 per year. Consistent with the universal practice of this Commonwealth not to reduce an established salary, it is believed that the salary already established for the Attorney General should be now the minimal basis to be considered in fixing the salary of the three constitutional officers whose salary is now fixed at \$9,000 per annum. The draft of a proposed Act to accomplish this purpose is to be submitted to the General Court of 1952.

## CORPORATIONS

### *Certificates of Condition of Business Corporations*

During the session of 1951 inquiry was made from this office by the executive department and the legislature as to a recommendation for increasing the revenues of this office so that it would be self supporting. Factually this office is operated at a profit in each odd numbered or non-election year and shows an excess of expenditure only in even numbered or election years. It was then recommended that the filing fee for certificates of condition by business corporations should be increased from ten (\$10) dollars to fifteen (\$15) dollars per year. This would insure an additional income of \$140,000 to \$150,000 to this office. The matter was referred too late for a concrete legislative recommendation to the 1951 General Court. This year a proposed amendment to accomplish this purpose will be presented to the 1952 session of the General Court.

(The filing fees of domestic corporations have remained unchanged for a quarter of a century, while the cost of maintaining records has more than doubled.)

### *Return of Functions other than taxation concerning Corporations to the Office of the Secretary*

Except for matters concerning taxation all domestic corporations should be compelled to do business with a single department of the state government. And since corporate organizations are creatures of the state and the office of the Secretary is charged with the preservation of public records under our constitution and our statutes and is charged with the procurement and filing of annual reports and changes in corporate structure, the repository of all information concerning domestic corporations should be the office of the state secretary. At the present time all certificates of condition are supplied to the department of corporations and taxation. This practice should be continued. At present there are four distinct transfers of papers from one office to the other in the organization of a domestic corporation. This is wasteful effort and occasions delay which runs into weeks and months. In the interest of efficiency and economy and to assure prompt

dispatch of public business all duties relative to the organization, reorganization, records, reports, certificates of condition and the like should be transferred to the office of the state secretary and the personnel engaged solely in corporation structure duties in the office of the commissioner of corporations and taxation should be transferred to the office of the secretary. This is the current practice in the State of New York. A proposed act will be submitted to the 1952 Session of the General Court.

*Reports and filing fees of Corporations other than business corporations*

For a half century corporations have been organized under Chapter 180 of the General Laws, or earlier similar provisions of statutory law. These embrace among other classifications as set forth in Chapter 180 social clubs, benevolent societies, historical, educational and scientific organizations as well as churches and religious corporations. There are also organized under this chapter charitable organizations which are required to file reports with the Department of Public Welfare. Many of these corporations own considerable property and receive appreciable revenues in the conduct of their activities. Their property rights frequently become of public interest and their activities often occasion public concern. Yet once they obtain their charters no record is filed in any public office concerning their officers, their property, or their continued activity. In each calendar year hundreds of inquiries are made at this office regarding this peculiar form of corporate activity. This office can furnish no information as to the present existence nor the last known officers of such corporations after the original date of charter issuance. For public convenience and for the maintenance of timely and adequate files at this office some sort of annual report should be required as an incident of the granting of a corporate charter. If no report is filed for two consecutive years the secretary should be authorized to dissolve these charters after due notice to the officers last reported. Churches, religious organizations and such charitable corporations as render annual reports to the department of public welfare should be excluded from this obligation. A legislative proposal requiring an annual report from all other such corporations with a filing fee of two dollars will be submitted to the 1952 Session of the General Court.

MASSACHUSETTS LAW REPORTS

By Resolve 57 of the Resolves of 1950 the General Court authorized the sale of surplus copies of the Massachusetts Reports volumes 245 through 324 inclusive at a reduced price to be fixed by the board existing under section twenty of chapter nine of the General Laws. The board fixed prices at one dollar per copy for volumes 245 through 319 and three dollars per copy for volumes 320 through 324. To the end of the fiscal year 12,500 copies were disposed of by the Secretary at one dollar and 833 copies were sold at three dollars. Volumes 320 through 324 were sold through Wright and Potter Printing Company under a contract giving said company a commission of seventy-five cents on each volume sold. From the beginning of the current fiscal year to October 31, 1951 there have been 3,168 copies sold at one dollar and 210 at three dollars.

The stock pile of 87,500 volumes has been reduced to approximately 62,000 volumes including reservation of one hundred copies of each volume set aside for the use of state agencies under the provisions of Resolve 57 of the Resolves of 1950. Every court, every bar association and every law library in the Commonwealth and every law school in the United States has been circularized.

MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Since the revisions of the statutes legally and familiarly known as General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, 1932, it has been provided by Section 10 of Chapter 32 thereof as follows:—

Any vacancy in any office, the original appointment to which is required by law to be made by the governor, with or without the advice and consent of the council, and for which no other method of filling vacancies, is expressly provided by law, shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner provided for an original appointment; and the appointment of a successor of any incumbent of any such

office who is holding over after the expiration of his term of office shall be made in like manner for the remainder of the term which would have begun at such expiration if his successor had then been appointed.

There is a conflict between this statute and Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1877 which provides for the appointment of Medical Examiners for the full term of seven years by the Governor of the Commonwealth. This 1877 statute has never been specifically amended or repealed.

The Governors of the Commonwealth have continued to appoint Medical Examiners and Associate Medical Examiners for full seven year terms from date of appointment irrespective of whether the vacancy filled was caused by death, resignation or removal, or whether or not the incumbent served for a period in excess of the term of original appointment.

The records of this office conform with the action of the chief executives in making such appointment.

To clarify the conflict in statutes and clear the records concerning such appointments a proposed act is to be submitted.

## PUBLICATIONS

### PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF STATE PUBLICATIONS

The demand upon this office for all state publications is general and constant. Such documents are in a broad sense records of the Commonwealth and should be available at the Office of the Secretary as well as at the office of the official, department, board, commission or agency having jurisdiction over the subject matter of the publication. This office should have in stock, in its document division, every publication of the Commonwealth. Knowledge as to the pending publication of all documents should be available here. All printing should be controlled by this office, as was the case from the founding of the State through 1923. To this end the office known as the printing office in the Department of Administration should be transferred to this office. The placing of contracts and purchase of materials should remain under the control of the purchasing agent in the Department of Administration.

The public expect and demand this service from the Office of the Secretary.

Distribution should be primarily a function of this office with auxiliary distribution of particular publications by the agency concerned with the subject matter thereof.

The present law says specifically that "all publications of the Commonwealth shall be distributed under the direction of the Secretary, unless otherwise provided." (G.L. C. 5, sec. 1.)

In practice however, without specific statutory provision, a score of agencies distribute publications which are not in stock in the document room. This should be remedied for public convenience. A proposed act will be submitted to the 1952 session of the General Court.

### SUPERVISOR OF PUBLIC RECORDS

General Laws, Chapter 9, Sections 4 and 5 direct the Secretary to appoint a supervisor of public records and authorize an expenditure of three thousand dollars a year for travel and other expenses of the supervisor. The duties of the supervisor of public records detailed in General Laws, Chapter 66 require that he "shall take necessary measures to put the records of the Commonwealth, counties, cities or towns in the custody and condition required by law and to secure their preservation." This is a grave statutory responsibility. It covers 39 cities, 312 towns, 80 district courts, 16 county clerks of courts, 21 registers of deeds and 14 registrars of probate, a total of four hundred and eighty-two installations. It clearly would require two men, the supervisor and an inspector, to make a single inspection of each installation within a year. Because of lack of personnel and insufficient appropriations for travel it has been impossible for the supervisor to visit some towns as often as once in five years. Storage facilities are excellent in about forty per cent of the installations, reasonably good in twenty per cent and from poor to very unsatisfactory in forty per cent. This office is required by statute to enforce



the law and bring all installations up to standard. This cannot be done under existing conditions because of lack of personnel and the fact that no funds have been made available for necessary travel. These essential records are of primary governmental importance. A casualty can do irreparable damage unless steps are taken promptly to protect and safeguard such records in every community and county. On a minimum basis it will be necessary to have a qualified inspector and junior clerk added to the staff of the supervisor, with a travel appropriation of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) per year. An appropriation for these purposes is requested from the General Court.

#### TEXT BOOKS AND TECHNICAL REPORTS

Arbitrary restriction by statute of the number of copies of text books, case books and technical reports which the Secretary may distribute in his discretion to one hundred copies has worked out very unsatisfactorily. In some instances one hundred is not adequate to meet proper requests from governmental agencies. In other instances, one hundred is more than enough to meet the demand. In order that the Secretary may exercise a wider discretion, a proposed amendment to General Laws, chapter 5, section 8, as amended by section 3 of chapter 480 of the acts of 1945 has been prepared.

#### TRADE MARKS

The present statutes relative to trade marks are most unsatisfactory. There is no provision for abandonment, amendment, rescision or other disposition of obsolete, unused or abandoned trade marks. The files include many which should be disposed of and cleared. A statute providing a requirement for renewals after five year periods and permitting cancellation of obsolete trade marks and those not renewed will clear the records of a great many unused trade marks which now congest the files. A Proposed Act to accomplish this purpose will be presented to the General Court.

#### VITAL STATISTICS

Almost daily, requests are received at this office seeking information concerning decrees of divorce entered in the records of the courts of the Commonwealth. Birth, marriage, annulment and death returns are made to this office under the law by city and town clerks. No reports of divorces granted are made to any central office of registration. The superior court and the probate court have concurrent jurisdiction in divorce. In practice most petitions are heard in probate court. The records are scattered in the offices of fourteen clerks of court and fourteen registries of probate in the several counties. Past records are contained in consolidated indices and a study is being made concerning reproduction of such records by microfilm or photostat for file at this office. Current records are readily available and at the moment this recommendation is confined to current records.

For the convenience of the public it is recommended that the clerks of the superior court and the registers of probate be required to furnish to this office an abstract of each divorce decree entered in such courts. A proposed act to accomplish this result is to be presented.



September 26, 1951.

The following table shows in detail receipts from fees, etc., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council, as required by General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), chapter 9, section 1:

Financial Statement Verified (Under Requirements of C 7, S 19 GL)

Date, September 28, 1951

By JOSEPH A. PRENNEY, *For the Comptroller.*

Approved for Publishing, FRED A. MONCEWICZ, *Comptroller*.

Excess of Expenditures over Receipts \$39,325.02. (This covers July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951 in an Election year.)

The number of commissions issued during the year ending June 30, 1951 was 4,643, of which 255 were without fee and 58 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder.

The different classes were as follows:

Notaries Public . . . . .	4,191
Justices of the Peace . . . . .	172
Justices of the Peace to solemnize marriages . . . . .	5

Justices and Special Justices, District Courts	7
Clerks, District Courts	3
Justices of the Peace to issue warrants and take bail	2
Trial Justices	3
Masters in Chancery	12
Public Administrators	8
Special State Police Officers	53
Trustees, Commissioners, etc.	111
Public Warehousemen	30
Medical Examiners	14
Associate Medical Examiners	8
Commissioners to Qualify Public Officers	7
Commissioners of Deeds, resident in other States	1
Executive Secretary	1
Executive Stenographer	1
Assistant Executive Stenographer	1
Chief Secretary, Executive Department	1
Private Secretary, Executive Department	1
Special Counsel, Executive Department	1
Press Secretary, Executive Department	1
Assistant Secretaries, Executive Department	9

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4,643

Certificates to the number of 9,617 were issued, of which 2,045 were for certificates for which no fees are charged. Forty persons reregistered as required under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 7B.

#### CORPORATION DIVISION

The total number of certificates filed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951 was 41,761.

Business organizations	2,973
Club organizations	388
Miscellaneous organizations	52
Business amendments, etc.	2,302
Non-business amendments	92
Business conditions	29,255
Club reports	2,766
Trust receipts	3,369
Statements of Lien upon merchandise	74
Trade-marks	226
Assignments of trade-marks	15
Limited partnerships	41
Contracts of railroad and street railway companies	36
Department of Public Utilities approvals	43
Adoption of Act	1
Appointments of Administrator	3
Certificates of clerks of various courts relative to dissolution of corporations (covering 2,108 corporations)	15
Certificates of revival of corporations	52
Certificates of consent to change of location of non-business corporations	58

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41,761

Non-business charters withheld	9
Non-business applications for incorporation withdrawn	6
Non-business charters declared void	1

Certified copies supplied	1,051
Special certificates supplied	457

## VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 46, Section 17, returns of births, marriages and deaths from 351 cities and towns and births and deaths from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury for the year 1950 were received, and total 96,676 births and 41,813 marriages, a decrease of 852 births and an increase of 2,184 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1949.

Under the provisions of the same statute, 51,091 certified copies of records of deaths were received, a decrease of 10, compared with the returns of 1949.

Medical Examiners' returns for 1950 cover 11,483, a decrease of 113, as compared with returns for 1949.

Returns by Clerks of Courts and Registers of Probate of the decrees of divorce granted during 1950 number 6,357, a decrease of 505, as compared with the returns of 1949.

From July 1, 1950 to June 30, 1951, 8,964 certificates of births, 1,863 certificates of marriages and 2,615 certificates of deaths were issued, a total of 13,442 certified copies. Besides these, 6,827 were certified abstracts given the Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims without fee.

In addition to the above, 5,241 records were verified for various government agencies.

The demand for records for war, social security, aid and relief, school and other purposes still continues.

There were 57,278 requests for records during this period.

A total of \$7,568.14 was received by this Division during this fiscal period. Of this amount, \$6,721.00 was for certified copies of births, marriages and death records; \$89.00 for certifications of exact copies of records and for exemplified statements; and \$758.14 was refunded to the remitters because excessive amounts were sent in or the requested service could not be rendered. 25,240 card abstracts of birth records for school, employment, enlistment, welfare and civil service purposes were issued without charge.

There were 8,875 references of records of marriages and deaths issued without fee for welfare, old age assistance, employment and insurance purposes.

There were 10,480 delayed records of birth and corrections of birth records, 107 corrections of marriages and 97 corrections of death records.

Returns of 3,763 names changed in 1950 as decreed by the courts were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, Chapter 210, Section 12.

## ARCHIVES DIVISION

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, there have been made 17 military certificates, 10 typewritten copies, and 48,907 photostatic copies of legislative records and files, maps, plans, corporation records, 1,749 veterans' discharges, etc.

The following fees have been received and paid over to the Treasurer: for military certificates, \$24.00; typewritten copies, \$25.80; photostatic copies (certified and uncertified), \$17,091.35; total, \$17,141.15.

One volume (No. 26) of printed House Journals was added during the year, and number is now twenty-six volumes (covering the years 1715 to 1750).

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Sections 166 to 169, as amended, providing for the filing by attorneys of notice of their appearance before the Governor and Council or the Parole Board in behalf of persons seeking a pardon or parole, forty-two attorneys have so filed.

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Section 152, as amended, providing for the filing by the Commissioner of Correction of certified copies of petitions for pardons, paroles and commutation of sentence, together with other documents pertaining thereto, one hundred and thirteen cases have been received and filed.

Under General Laws, Chapter 264, Section 14, providing for the taking of an oath by every person entering the service of the Commonwealth and the filing of such oath in the office of the Secretary, approximately 30,950 cards have been received and filed.

With the constantly increasing number of acquisitions to the Archives, additional space for filing and storage must soon be found in order that we may properly serve research workers, genealogists, historians and the public in general.



## PUBLIC DOCUMENT DIVISION

During the fiscal year 1951, the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: *Reports*: 19,132 copies of the Public Document Series, representing twenty-one reports of the several State departments, boards and commissions; *Laws*: 9,000 copies of the 1950 bound edition of the Acts and Resolves, commonly called the Blue Book; 10,176 copies of the 1950 pamphlet edition of the Acts and Resolves; 7,200 copies of the 1950 Supplement to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; 7,000 copies of the 1950 Supplement to the Laws Relating to Retirement Systems and Pensions; *Veterans Proceedings*: 600 copies of the Proceedings of the Fifty-first Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1950; 997 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-first Annual Convention, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1949; 753 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-ninth Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1949; 752 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirtieth Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1950; *Journals and Manuals*: 600 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, 1950, total, 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Volume 25, 1748-49; 2,540 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Fire Service in Cities and Towns, 1951; 15,190 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Police Service in Cities and Towns, 1951; 3,165 copies of the Manual for the Guidance of Applicants for Positions as Civil Engineers, Grades 1 and 2, 195; 10,500 copies of the Manual for the General Court, 1951-52; *Massachusetts Reports*: 475 copies each of Volumes 324 and 325 of the Massachusetts Reports, total 950 copies; *Miscellaneous*: 410 copies of the edition of the Executive Council Report on the return of votes for State officers, etc., 1950; 400 copies of Public Officers of Massachusetts, 1951-52; making a grand total of 90,265 copies.

The sale of Massachusetts Reports surplus volumes on hand, as authorized by Chapter 57 of the Resolves of 1950, commenced on January first of this year. Of the approximate number of volumes available for distribution, namely 90,000, about 12,500 were sold to the close of the fiscal year.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

On or before the first Wednesday of December in each fiscal year every State officer, department, board and commission which is required by law to file an annual report must deposit such report with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The only exceptions are in the few cases where some other date is provided by law for the filing of a report.

Pursuant to this requirement, the following officers, departments, boards and commissions filed annual reports on or before the first Wednesday of December 1950—

Department of Board of Accounts. P.D. 105—1947

Department of Agriculture. P.D. 123—1950

Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission. P.D. 153—1949

Commission on Alcoholism

Appellate Tax Board. P.D. 148—1950

Division of Apprentice Training

Attorney General. P.D. 12—1950

Auditor. P.D. 6

Commissioner of Banks. P.D. 8—1950

Section A—Co-operative Banks

Comptroller's Bureau. P.D. 140—1950 (Part 2)

Department of Conservation. P.D. 73—1950

Dental Examiners. P.D. 38—1950

Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination. P.D. 163—1950

Division of Fisheries and Game. 1950

State Housing Board



Commissioner of Insurance. P.D. 9—1944 (Part 2)  
 Life and Miscellaneous Insurance  
 Judicial Council. P.D. 144—1950  
 Department of Labor and Industries. P.D. 15—1949—1950  
 (Part 1) Labor Directory  
 State Library. P.D. 3—1950  
 Division of Occupational Hygiene. 1948  
 Registration in Optometry. P.D. 97—1950  
 Registration in Pharmacy. P.D. 39  
 Massachusetts Public Buildings Commission  
 Department of Public Health. P.D. 34  
 Department of Public Safety. P.D. 32  
 Department of Public Utilities. P.D. 14  
 Department of Public Welfare. P.D. 17  
 State Reclamation Board  
 Division of Registration. P.D. 136—1950  
 Secretary of the Commonwealth. P.D. 46—1950  
 Division of Standards  
 Teachers' Retirement Board. P.D. 109—1949  
 Tewksbury State Hospital and Infirmary. P.D. 26—1950  
 Massachusetts Training Schools and Youth Service Board. P.D. 93—1949  
 Officers of the University of Massachusetts. P.D. 31—1950  
 President of the University of Massachusetts. P.D. 31—1949  
 Registration in Veterinary Medicine. P.D. 72—1950  
 Youth Service Board. P.D. 93—1950

## DIVISION OF PUBLIC RECORDS

Due to current world conditions there has been great activity in the field of public records. Greater emphasis is being placed on the safe-guarding of the very numerous essential documents on file in the State departments, agencies, boards and commissions, as well as in the counties, cities and towns.

This office has had many requests for advice, inspections and information from the many record custodians. It is physically impossible to properly cope with the problem under the present set-up, due to lack of funds and personnel. As has been pointed out in previous reports the supervisor of public records cannot begin to carry out his sundry statutory duties without additional help. Proposed legislation to remedy this situation is being prepared, as are recommendations for necessary budget provisions.

During the past fiscal year the supervisor of public records, as provided by General Laws (Ter. Ed.), Chapter 66, Section 1, has visited and inspected the records of thirty-seven cities and thirty-five towns within the Commonwealth, as well as several county offices, for the purpose of determining how the records are preserved with special emphasis being given to protection against fire and other emergency conditions.

It is to be noted that there is almost complete lack of collaboration between the various State departments. Very few communications are received from State departments, boards and agencies in matters concerning their public records. Steps will be taken during the next year to reacquaint these offices with the provisions of Chapter 66.

On May 10, 1951, the Governor by Administrative Order No. 6 under the Civil Defense Act, appointed a committee of seven to consider methods of protecting and preserving records of the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions in the event of enemy attack or other hostile action. This committee is still studying the problem and at this writing has not as yet reported to the Governor. This division is obviously interested in this study and the supervisor is now a member of the committee which is currently working on the problem.

### *Legislation Affecting This Division Passed During the Current Year*

Chapter 48 of the Resolves of 1951 authorizes the Massachusetts Public Building Commission to investigate the feasibility of obtaining facilities for the storage and preservation of records and documents in the Archives of the Commonwealth.

Chapter 56. An Act relative to the destruction of certain records by city and town clerks.

Chapter 200. An Act making express provision for the recovery of unlawfully detained public records.

Chapter 397. An Act which provides that the supervisor of public records shall be a member of the board authorized to sell and destroy certain books of the Commonwealth.

### *Safes and Vaults*

This division has available specifications for the construction of fire-proof safes and vaults based on recommendations proposed by the National Fire Protection Association. All improvements to present installations have been completed according to the standards required for new construction. New vaults have been recommended in several instances to replace those which are now antiquated.

### *Stamp Pad Inks and Stamp Pads*

The list of approved brands of stamp pad inks and stamp pads has been revised during the current year and copies are available at this office. Purchasing agents and other interested persons of the various State departments, cities and towns have been supplied with copies of same.

### *Typewriter Ribbons*

The cumbersome list of approved typewriter ribbons has also been revised and an active list is now available wherein the approved typewriter ribbons are identified as having successfully passed the 48-hour Fade-Ometer test.

### *Carbon Paper*

A list of the brand names of approved carbon papers, the use of which is authorized by Chapter 310 of the Acts of 1950 has been prepared and is also available at this office.

### *Repairing and Binding*

Many recommendations for repairing and binding, the necessity for which was observed during the inspections, have been made to the proper persons.

### *Standard Record Ink*

As provided by General Laws (Ter. Ed.), Chapter 66, Section 2, this department furnishes approved standard record ink for use on public records in the several departments and offices of the Commonwealth and of the counties, cities and towns, in which such records are kept.

Many violations of Section 4 of Chapter 66, which forbids the use on public records of other than approved standard record ink have been observed. This division has notified all offenders as to the provisions of said Section 4.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND AGENTS' EXPENSES

In compliance with General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 3, Sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relative to the filing of legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation, there were during or following the 1950 session of the General Court 330 entries made in the dockets, a decrease of 32 as compared with 1949. Returns for the 1951 session will not be received until after the close of the session and the close of the fiscal year 1950-1951.

Returns covering 322 entries were received from persons, associations or corporations employing legislative counsel or agents. Thirteen employers who failed to file returns within the time prescribed by law were reported to the Attorney General.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel or agents was \$364,658. Of this amount \$54,470 represents annual salaries or retainers of regular employees, apportioned, and \$113,052 unapportioned, and \$197,136 payments in connection with legislation only. Fifteen employers stated they paid nothing.

## PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, RESPITES, REQUISITIONS, ETC.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the year was 32, of which 27 were full and complete, and 5 under parole conditions; commutations, 12; respites, 11. There were 59 requisitions issued upon other States, and 1 upon the Secretary of the Navy of the United States; and 27 warrants issued upon requisitions from other States.

## PROCLAMATIONS

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. For the observance of each of the following 10,500 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks:—Commodore John Barry Day, September 13, 1950; Pulaski Day, October 11, 1950; United Nations Day, October 24, 1950; Armistice Day, November 11, 1950; Thanksgiving Day, November 23, 1950; New Orleans Day, January 8, 1951; Lincoln Day, February 12, 1951; Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1951; One Hundred and Eighty-first Anniversary of the Boston Massacre, March 5, 1951; Evacuation Day, March 17, 1951; Patriots' Day, April 19, 1951; Loyalty Day, May 1, 1951; La Fayette Day, May 20, 1951; Flag Day, June 14, 1951 and Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1951. August 12, 1950 was designated as Indian Day and 6,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. For the observance of Arbor and Bird Day, April 27, 1951, 10,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 8-14, 1950 and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices. The week of November 5-11, 1950 was set apart as American Education Week and 10,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

January 12, 1951 was set apart by His Excellency the Governor as Good Government Day, and 5,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were printed and distributed to the schools.

Proclamations were also issued by His Excellency the Governor on December 4, 1950 promulgating the Eightieth and Eighty-first Articles of Amendments to the Constitution and 200 copies of each were printed and mailed to the justices of the supreme judicial and superior courts, district attorneys, district and municipal courts, clerk of courts for each county, clerk of the supreme judicial court, clerk of the superior court for criminal business and the clerk of the superior court for civil business.

A proclamation was also issued by His Excellency the Governor on December 16, 1950 under the provisions of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950, proclaiming that a



State of Emergency existed by reason of the fact that the peace and security of the Commonwealth was endangered by the imminent threat of belligerent acts of the enemies of the United States, and 1,000 copies were printed and distributed to the city and town clerks, chairmen of the boards of selectmen and mayors.

Proclamations were also issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press for the following:—Peace Sunday, August 13, 1950; National Union Label Week, the week of September 2, 1950; National Urban League Week, September 3–8, 1950; Constitution Day, September 17, 1950; Kids' Day, September 23, 1950; Religious Education Week, September 24–October 1, 1950; National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, October 1–7, 1950; Cranberry Week, October 8–14, 1950; Poetry Day, October 15, 1950; Oil Progress Week, October 15–21, 1950; National Business Women's Week, October 15–21, 1950; National Bible Week, October 16–22, 1950; Veterans' Welfare Day, October 22, 1950; Smoke Abatement Week, October 22–28, 1950; Civil Rights Week, October 23–30, 1950; Teen-Age Week, October 27–November 2, 1950; Flower Week, October 29–November 5, 1950; The 175th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, November 10, 1950; Polio Month, the month of January, 1951; Printing and Publishing Week, January 15–19, 1951; Negro History Week, February 11–18, 1951; Republic of Lithuania Day, February 16, 1951; Brotherhood Week, February 18–25, 1951; Easter Seal Month, February 21–March 25, 1951; Save Your Vision Week, the week of March 4, 1951; ORT Day, March 12, 1951; Wildlife Restoration Week, March 18–24, 1951; Boys Club Week, April 2–8, 1951; Massachusetts Camp Week, April 9–15, 1951; Pan American Day, April 14, 1951 and Pan American Week, April 8–14, 1951; Criminal Investigation Division Day, April 14, 1951; Cerebral Palsy Month, the month of May, 1951; Child Health Day, May 1, 1951; National Music Week, May 6–13, 1951; Humane Sunday, May 6, 1951 and Be Kind to Animals Week, May 7–12, 1951; Orphan Week, May 7–12, 1951; National Hospital Day, May 12, 1951; Mother's Day, May 13, 1951; Armed Forces Day, May 19, 1951; Foot Health Week, May 18–26, 1951; I am an American Day, May 20, 1951; Public Library Week, May 20–27, 1951; Purchase of Buddy Poppies, May 21–26, 1951; National Maritime Day, May 22, 1951; Achievement Day, May 23, 1951; Israel Bond Week, May 27–June 2, 1951; June Dairy Month, the period of June, 1951; National and International Shut-Ins Day, June 3, 1951 and Fraternal Week, June 10–16, 1951.

## DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

### INITIATIVE PETITIONS

On August 2, 1950, 14,420 additional signatures to an Initiative Petition for An Act providing that classifications of risks and premium charges under the compulsory motor vehicle liability insurance law shall be uniform throughout the Commonwealth, were filed. Subsequently the question appeared on the State Election ballot, November 7, 1950. This was disapproved. The vote was 376,636 (Yes) 1,275,431 (No).

On August 2, 1950, 7,869 additional signatures to an Initiative Petition for An Act amending the Old Age Assistance Law so as to provide to certain deserving persons in need of relief and support at 63 years of age or over a minimum of \$75 per month; and to such blind, eligible, deserving persons a minimum payment of \$85 per month, were filed. Subsequently the question appeared on the State Election ballot, November 7, 1950. This was approved by a vote of 918,555 (Yes) to 624,362 (No).

On August 2, 1950, 7,490 additional signatures to an Initiative Petition for An Act authorizing the conduct of a State lottery to provide additional funds for payments of assistance to aged persons by way of pension or otherwise, and for aid to needy blind and to dependent children were filed. Subsequently the question appeared on the State Election ballot, November 7, 1950. This was disapproved. The vote was 644,707 (Yes) and 894,685 (No).

## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS

By General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 30, Section 37, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to



be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments, boards and commissions during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951: Department of Banking and Insurance, Department of Civil Service and Registration, Department of Conservation, Department of Education, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Utilities, Department of Public Works, Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, Appellate Tax Board, Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission and the Milk Control Board.

The General Court of 1951 has extended the provisions of this statute by the provisions of Chapter 556 of the Acts of 1951 to require the filing of all rules and regulations which are general in scope irrespective of any provision for a penalty at the office of the Secretary thus insuring a central depository for all effective regulations.

This chapter is included in this Report for the convenience and information of all departments.

#### [CHAP. 556] (ACTS OF 1951)

#### AN ACT TO REGULATE THE FILING OF RULES AND REGULATIONS BY STATE DEPARTMENTS AND CERTAIN OTHER STATE AGENCIES.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 30 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 37, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—*Section 37.* Notwithstanding any special or general law, every department, commission, board or official vested by law with the power to make and issue rules or regulations general in scope, shall file an attested copy thereof, together with a citation of the law by authority of which the same purport to have been issued, with the state secretary, and such rules or regulations, whether or not they require the approval of the governor and council, or other authority, before taking effect, shall not take effect until so filed. The foregoing provision shall not apply to rules or regulations issued by commissions, boards or officials of towns, or to municipal ordinances or by-laws, or to rules or regulations affecting solely the internal management or discipline of a department, commission, board or office, nor to orders or decrees made in specific cases within the jurisdiction of a department, commission, board or official. The state secretary shall file and index all rules and regulations filed with him hereunder, noting and keeping available such references to preceding rules and regulations as may be necessary for certification purposes.

SECTION 2. All rules and regulations to which the provisions of section one apply existing and in effect on the effective date of this act, but not filed prior thereto with the state secretary, shall be so filed within thirty days after said effective date.

*Approved July 25, 1951.*

*Effective October 23, 1951.*

#### MISCELLANEOUS

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Election Statistics (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

EDWARD J. CRONIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

## POPULATION 1950 CENSUS

POPULATION OF CITIES AND TOWNS AT EACH CENSUS SINCE 1920, ARRANGED BY COUNTIES.

COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS.	1950.	1945.	1940.	1935.	1930.	1925.	1920.
<b>BARNSTABLE.</b>	<b>46,805</b>	<b>38,216</b>	<b>37,295</b>	<b>36,647</b>	<b>32,305</b>	<b>29,782</b>	<b>26,670</b>
Barnstable . . . . .	10,480	8,647	8,333	8,037	7,271	5,774	4,836
Bourne . . . . .	4,720	3,519	3,315	3,336	2,895	3,015	2,530
Brewster . . . . .	987	757	827	715	769	774	688
Chatham . . . . .	2,457	2,192	2,136	2,050	1,931	1,741	1,737
Dennis . . . . .	2,499	1,807	2,015	2,017	1,829	1,749	1,536
Eastham . . . . .	860	604	582	606	543	494	430
Falmouth . . . . .	8,662	7,751	6,878	6,537	4,821	4,694	3,500
Harwich . . . . .	2,649	2,071	2,535	2,373	2,329	2,077	1,846
Mashpee . . . . .	438	343	434	380	361	298	242
Orleans . . . . .	1,759	1,543	1,451	1,425	1,181	1,078	1,012
Provincetown . . . . .	3,795	3,564	3,668	4,071	3,808	3,787	4,246
Sandwich . . . . .	2,418	1,524	1,360	1,516	1,437	1,479	1,458
Truro . . . . .	661	582	585	541	513	504	554
Wellfleet . . . . .	1,123	851	890	948	823	786	826
Yarmouth . . . . .	3,297	2,461	2,286	2,095	1,794	1,532	1,229
<b>BERKSHIRE.</b>	<b>132,966</b>	<b>127,620</b>	<b>122,273</b>	<b>121,099</b>	<b>120,700</b>	<b>121,255</b>	<b>113,033</b>
Adams . . . . .	12,034	12,724	12,608	12,858	12,697	13,525	12,967
Alford . . . . .	212	207	201	210	200	221	248
Becket . . . . .	755	682	689	723	672	778	674
Cheshire . . . . .	2,022	1,718	1,708	1,660	1,697	1,842	1,476
Clarksburg . . . . .	1,630	1,401	1,317	1,333	1,296	1,222	1,136
Dalton . . . . .	4,772	4,367	4,206	4,282	4,220	4,092	3,752
Egremont . . . . .	731	563	463	569	513	477	441
Florida . . . . .	479	401	421	405	307	362	298
Great Barrington . . . . .	6,712	6,232	5,824	6,369	5,934	6,405	6,315
Hancock . . . . .	445	349	332	408	361	510	464
Hinsdale . . . . .	1,560	1,276	1,235	1,144	1,144	1,044	1,065
Lanesborough . . . . .	2,069	1,556	1,321	1,237	1,170	1,181	1,054
Lee . . . . .	4,820	4,347	4,222	4,178	4,061	4,058	4,085
Lenox . . . . .	3,627	2,951	2,884	2,706	2,742	2,895	2,691
Monterey . . . . .	367	305	320	325	321	348	282
Mount Washington . . . . .	34	53	57	64	60	58	73
New Ashford . . . . .	118	99	87	94	75	85	116
New Marlborough . . . . .	989	896	956	921	864	991	1,010
NORTH ADAMS . . . . .	21,567	22,230	22,213	22,085	21,621	22,717	22,282
Otis . . . . .	359	377	364	415	367	395	361
Peru . . . . .	143	116	142	151	108	113	149
PITTSFIELD . . . . .	53,348	53,560	49,684	47,516	49,677	46,877	41,763
Richmond . . . . .	737	616	624	628	583	619	561
Sandisfield . . . . .	437	370	421	471	412	480	460
Savoy . . . . .	291	294	300	299	307	399	436
Sheffield . . . . .	2,150	1,752	1,709	1,810	1,650	1,614	1,435
Stockbridge . . . . .	2,311	1,739	1,815	1,921	1,762	1,830	1,764
Tyringham . . . . .	235	211	213	243	246	280	267
Washington . . . . .	281	242	267	252	222	231	240
West Stockbridge . . . . .	1,165	1,059	1,062	1,138	1,124	1,212	1,058
Williamstown . . . . .	6,194	4,623	4,294	4,272	3,900	4,006	3,707
Windsor . . . . .	372	274	314	412	387	388	403
<b>BRISTOL.</b>	<b>381,569</b>	<b>373,619</b>	<b>364,637</b>	<b>366,465</b>	<b>364,590</b>	<b>383,795</b>	<b>359,005</b>
Acushnet . . . . .	4,401	4,272	4,145	3,951	4,092	4,135	3,075
ATTLEBORO . . . . .	23,809	22,375	22,071	21,835	21,769	20,623	19,731
Berkley . . . . .	1,284	1,182	1,130	1,156	1,120	1,118	935
Dartmouth . . . . .	11,115	9,909	9,011	9,424	8,778	9,026	6,493
Dighton . . . . .	2,950	3,021	2,983	3,116	3,147	3,208	2,574

POPULATION OF CITIES AND TOWNS, ETC. — *Continued.*

COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS.	1950.	1945.	1940.	1935.	1930.	1925.	1920.
<b>BRISTOL—Con.</b>							
Easton . . . . .	6,244	5,723	5,135	5,294	5,298	5,333	5,041
Fairhaven . . . . .	12,764	12,072	10,938	11,005	10,951	10,827	7,291
FALL RIVER . . . . .	111,963	115,062	115,428	117,414	115,274	128,993	120,485
Freetown . . . . .	2,104	1,830	1,584	1,813	1,656	1,663	1,532
Mansfield . . . . .	7,184	6,978	6,530	6,543	6,364	6,590	6,255
NEW BEDFORD . . . . .	109,189	110,308	110,341	110,022	112,597	119,539	121,217
North Attleborough . . . . .	12,146	11,552	10,359	10,202	10,197	9,790	9,238
Norton . . . . .	4,401	3,096	3,107	2,925	2,737	2,769	2,374
Raynham . . . . .	2,426	2,214	2,141	2,208	2,136	2,128	1,695
Rehoboth . . . . .	3,700	3,036	2,736	2,777	2,610	2,332	2,065
Seekonk . . . . .	6,104	5,249	4,912	5,011	4,762	4,191	2,898
Somerset . . . . .	8,566	6,815	5,873	5,656	5,398	4,818	3,520
Swansea . . . . .	6,121	5,565	4,684	4,327	3,941	3,250	2,334
TAUNTON . . . . .	40,109	38,612	37,395	37,431	37,355	39,255	37,137
Westport . . . . .	4,989	4,748	4,134	4,355	4,408	4,207	3,115
<b>DUKES.</b>	<b>5,633</b>	<b>5,050</b>	<b>5,669</b>	<b>5,700</b>	<b>4,953</b>	<b>4,862</b>	<b>4,372</b>
Chilmark . . . . .	183	230	226	253	252	240	240
Edgartown . . . . .	1,508	1,296	1,370	1,399	1,276	1,235	1,190
Gay Head . . . . .	88	114	127	158	161	168	144
Gosnold . . . . .	56	107	136	129	120	142	131
Oak Bluffs . . . . .	1,521	1,345	1,584	1,657	1,333	1,314	1,047
Tisbury . . . . .	1,930	1,719	1,966	1,822	1,541	1,431	1,275
West Tisbury . . . . .	347	239	260	282	270	332	345
<b>ESSEX.</b>	<b>522,384</b>	<b>519,333</b>	<b>496,313</b>	<b>504,483</b>	<b>498,040</b>	<b>496,832</b>	<b>482,156</b>
Amesbury . . . . .	10,851	10,824	10,862	10,514	11,899	11,229	10,036
Andover . . . . .	12,437	11,920	11,122	10,542	9,969	10,291	8,268
BEVERLY . . . . .	28,884	26,814	25,537	25,871	25,086	22,685	22,561
Boxford . . . . .	926	811	778	726	652	581	588
Danvers . . . . .	15,720	14,614	14,179	13,884	12,957	11,798	11,108
Essex . . . . .	1,794	1,561	1,384	1,486	1,465	1,403	1,478
Georgetown . . . . .	2,411	1,978	1,803	2,009	1,853	1,888	2,004
GLOUCESTER . . . . .	25,167	24,862	24,046	24,164	24,204	23,375	22,947
Groveland . . . . .	2,340	2,150	2,122	2,219	2,336	2,485	2,650
Hamilton . . . . .	2,764	2,387	2,037	2,235	2,044	2,018	1,631
HAVERHILL . . . . .	47,280	46,162	46,752	49,516	48,710	49,232	53,884
Ipswich . . . . .	6,895	6,610	6,348	6,217	5,599	6,055	6,201
LAWRENCE . . . . .	80,536	85,603	84,323	86,785	85,068	93,527	94,270
LYNN . . . . .	99,738	105,153	98,123	100,909	102,320	103,081	99,148
Lynnfield . . . . .	3,927	2,921	2,287	1,896	1,594	1,331	1,165
Manchester . . . . .	2,868	2,539	2,472	2,509	2,636	2,499	2,466
Marblehead . . . . .	13,765	12,524	10,856	10,173	8,668	8,214	7,324
Merrimac . . . . .	2,804	2,384	2,320	2,209	2,392	2,349	2,173
Methuen . . . . .	24,477	23,160	21,880	21,073	21,069	20,606	15,189
Middleton . . . . .	2,916	2,415	2,348	1,975	1,712	1,667	1,195
Nahant . . . . .	2,679	2,396	1,835	1,748	1,654	1,630	1,318
Newbury . . . . .	1,994	1,636	1,599	1,576	1,530	1,432	1,303
NEWBURYPORT . . . . .	14,111	14,079	13,916	14,815	15,084	15,656	15,618
North Andover . . . . .	8,485	7,936	7,524	7,164	6,961	6,839	6,265
PEABODY . . . . .	22,645	22,303	21,711	22,082	21,345	19,870	19,552
Rockport . . . . .	4,231	3,992	3,556	3,634	3,630	3,949	3,878
Rowley . . . . .	1,768	1,585	1,533	1,495	1,356	1,408	1,249
SALEM . . . . .	41,880	42,833	41,213	43,472	43,353	42,821	42,529
Salisbury . . . . .	2,695	2,622	2,376	2,245	2,194	1,820	1,701
Saugus . . . . .	17,162	16,662	14,825	15,076	14,700	12,743	10,874
Swampscott . . . . .	11,580	11,835	10,761	10,480	10,346	8,953	8,101
Topsfield . . . . .	1,412	1,153	1,150	1,113	986	915	900
Wenham . . . . .	1,644	1,406	1,220	1,196	1,119	1,145	1,090
West Newbury . . . . .	1,598	1,503	1,515	1,475	1,549	1,337	1,492

POPULATION OF CITIES AND TOWNS, ETC. — *Continued.*

COUNTIES, CITIES AND TOWNS.	1950.	1945.	1940.	1935.	1930.	1925.	1920.
<b>FRANKLIN.</b>	<b>52,747</b>	<b>51,066</b>	<b>49,453</b>	<b>51,043</b>	<b>49,612</b>	<b>49,598</b>	<b>49,361</b>
Ashfield . . . . .	977	933	872	918	860	919	869
Bernardston . . . . .	1,117	1,022	954	975	893	844	769
Buckland . . . . .	1,605	1,525	1,527	1,540	1,497	1,555	1,433
Charlemont . . . . .	855	812	789	923	816	820	808
Colrairie . . . . .	1,546	1,455	1,497	1,554	1,391	1,562	1,607
Conway . . . . .	873	867	944	952	900	931	961
Deerfield . . . . .	3,086	3,083	2,684	2,963	2,882	2,968	2,803
Erving . . . . .	1,322	1,315	1,328	1,283	1,263	1,334	1,295
Gill . . . . .	1,070	918	931	995	983	918	879
Greenfield . . . . .	17,349	17,020	15,672	15,903	15,500	15,246	15,462
Hawley . . . . .	244	203	257	308	313	354	390
Heath . . . . .	305	327	359	368	331	298	325
Leverett . . . . .	791	594	688	726	677	664	695
Leyden . . . . .	306	254	260	253	261	270	330
Monroe . . . . .	174	171	207	240	218	143	173
Montague . . . . .	7,812	7,602	7,582	7,967	8,081	7,973	7,675
New Salem . . . . .	392	364	357	443	414	519	512
Northfield . . . . .	2,246	2,064	1,975	1,950	1,888	1,821	1,775
Orange . . . . .	5,894	5,762	5,611	5,383	5,365	5,141	5,393
Rowe . . . . .	199	178	233	277	298	292	333
Shelburne . . . . .	1,756	1,656	1,636	1,606	1,544	1,538	1,436
Shutesbury . . . . .	213	201	191	239	222	208	242
Sunderland . . . . .	905	1,018	1,085	1,182	1,159	1,290	1,289
Warwick . . . . .	429	401	444	565	367	364	327
Wendell . . . . .	342	348	391	397	353	397	346
Whately . . . . .	939	973	979	1,133	1,136	1,229	1,234
<b>HAMPDEN.</b>	<b>367,971</b>	<b>351,757</b>	<b>332,107</b>	<b>333,495</b>	<b>335,496</b>	<b>327,088</b>	<b>300,305</b>
Agawam . . . . .	10,166	8,420	7,842	7,206	7,095	6,290	5,023
Blandford . . . . .	597	521	479	469	545	437	479
Brimfield . . . . .	1,182	975	1,012	892	884	840	778
Chester . . . . .	1,292	1,252	1,284	1,362	1,464	1,514	1,302
CHICOPEE . . . . .	49,211	44,626	41,664	41,952	43,930	41,882	36,214
East Longmeadow . . . . .	4,881	3,805	3,403	3,375	3,327	3,134	2,352
Granville . . . . .	740	656	668	704	674	609	655
Hampden . . . . .	1,322	1,153	1,023	854	684	632	624
Holland . . . . .	377	265	247	201	137	141	153
HOLYOKE . . . . .	54,661	53,775	53,750	56,139	56,537	60,335	60,203
Longmeadow . . . . .	6,508	6,411	5,790	5,105	4,437	3,333	2,618
Ludlow . . . . .	8,660	8,065	8,181	8,569	8,876	8,802	7,470
Monson . . . . .	6,125	5,662	5,597	5,193	4,918	5,089	4,826
Montgomery . . . . .	157	137	178	174	141	191	229
Palmer . . . . .	9,533	9,716	9,149	9,437	9,577	11,044	9,896
Russell . . . . .	1,298	1,221	1,242	1,283	1,237	1,398	1,237
Southwick . . . . .	2,855	1,885	1,579	1,540	1,461	1,267	1,194
SPRINGFIELD . . . . .	162,399	159,896	149,554	149,642	149,900	142,065	129,614
Tolland . . . . .	107	111	129	141	134	150	192
Wales . . . . .	497	354	367	382	360	434	419
WESTFIELD . . . . .	20,962	19,956	18,793	18,788	19,775	19,342	18,604
West Springfield . . . . .	20,438	19,453	17,135	17,118	16,684	15,326	13,443
Wilbraham . . . . .	4,003	3,442	3,041	2,969	2,719	2,833	2,780
<b>HAMPSHIRE.</b>	<b>87,594</b>	<b>74,375</b>	<b>72,461</b>	<b>74,205</b>	<b>72,801</b>	<b>75,122</b>	<b>69,599</b>
Amherst . . . . .	10,856	7,089	6,410	6,473	5,888	5,972	5,550
Belchertown . . . . .	4,487	3,769	3,503	3,863	3,139	2,905	2,058
Chesterfield . . . . .	496	375	422	445	420	445	441
Cummington . . . . .	620	532	608	610	531	508	489
Easthampton . . . . .	10,694	10,578	10,316	10,486	11,323	11,587	11,261



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<b>HAMPSHIRE — Con.</b>							
Enfield <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	—	—	—	495	497	749	790
Goshen . . . . .	321	278	237	257	248	251	224
Granby . . . . .	1,861	1,143	1,085	956	891	810	779
Greenwich <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	—	—	—	219	238	450	399
Hadley . . . . .	2,639	2,606	2,576	2,711	2,682	2,888	2,784
Hatfield . . . . .	2,179	2,188	2,216	2,433	2,476	2,702	2,651
Huntington . . . . .	1,257	1,242	1,340	1,345	1,242	1,543	1,425
Middlefield . . . . .	295	226	201	220	197	223	280
NORTHAMPTON . . . . .	29,063	24,977	24,794	24,525	24,381	24,145	21,951
Pelham . . . . .	579	512	568	504	455	519	503
Plainfield . . . . .	228	224	264	332	306	282	332
Prescott <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	—	—	—	18	48	230	236
Southampton . . . . .	1,387	1,102	950	954	931	916	814
South Hadley . . . . .	10,145	7,352	6,856	6,838	6,773	6,609	5,527
Ware . . . . .	7,517	7,578	7,557	7,727	7,385	8,629	8,525
Westhampton . . . . .	452	413	403	405	374	337	305
Williamsburg . . . . .	2,056	1,828	1,684	1,859	1,891	1,993	1,866
Worthington . . . . .	462	363	471	530	485	429	409
<b>MIDDLESEX.</b>	<b>1,064,569</b>	<b>1,022,331</b>	<b>971,390</b>	<b>958,855</b>	<b>934,924</b>	<b>860,414</b>	<b>778,352</b>
Acton . . . . .	3,510	2,869	2,701	2,635	2,482	2,387	2,162
Arlington . . . . .	44,353	43,515	40,013	38,539	36,094	24,943	18,665
Ashby . . . . .	1,464	1,110	1,026	957	982	907	834
Ashland . . . . .	3,500	2,920	2,479	2,497	2,397	2,521	2,287
Ayer . . . . .	5,740	3,967	3,572	3,861	3,060	3,032	3,052
Bedford . . . . .	5,234	4,170	3,807	3,185	2,603	1,514	1,362
Belmont . . . . .	27,381	28,866	26,867	24,831	21,748	15,256	10,749
Billerica . . . . .	11,101	8,504	7,933	6,650	5,880	4,913	3,646
Boxborough . . . . .	439	358	376	404	312	333	298
Burlington . . . . .	3,250	2,656	2,275	2,146	1,722	1,431	885
CAMBRIDGE . . . . .	120,740	111,124	110,879	118,075	113,643	119,669	109,694
Carlisle . . . . .	876	697	747	688	569	510	463
Chelmsford . . . . .	9,407	8,726	8,077	7,595	7,022	6,573	5,682
Concord . . . . .	8,623	8,382	7,972	7,723	7,477	7,056	6,461
Dracut . . . . .	8,666	7,434	7,339	6,500	6,912	6,400	5,280
Dunstable . . . . .	522	440	447	419	384	338	353
EVERETT . . . . .	45,982	48,553	46,784	47,228	48,424	42,072	40,120
Framingham . . . . .	28,086	25,502	23,214	22,651	22,210	21,078	17,033
Groton . . . . .	2,889	2,835	2,550	2,534	2,434	2,428	2,185
Holliston . . . . .	3,753	3,311	3,000	2,925	2,864	2,812	2,707
Hopkinton . . . . .	3,486	2,856	2,697	2,616	2,563	2,580	2,289
Hudson . . . . .	8,211	8,126	8,042	8,495	8,469	8,130	7,607
Lexington . . . . .	17,335	14,452	13,187	10,813	9,467	7,785	6,350
Lincoln . . . . .	2,427	1,998	1,783	1,573	1,493	1,306	1,042
Littleton . . . . .	2,349	1,673	1,651	1,530	1,447	1,411	1,277
LOWELL . . . . .	97,249	101,229	101,389	100,114	100,234	110,296	112,759
MALDEN . . . . .	59,804	59,567	58,010	57,277	58,036	51,789	49,103
MARLBOROUGH . . . . .	15,756	15,680	15,154	15,781	15,587	16,236	15,028
Maynard . . . . .	6,978	7,017	6,812	7,107	7,156	7,857	7,086
MEDFORD . . . . .	66,113	67,071	63,083	61,444	59,714	47,627	39,038
MELROSE . . . . .	26,988	27,971	25,333	24,256	23,170	20,165	18,204
Natick . . . . .	19,838	15,789	13,851	14,394	13,589	12,871	10,907
NEWTON . . . . .	81,994	77,257	69,873	66,144	65,276	53,003	46,054
North Reading . . . . .	4,402	3,089	2,886	2,321	1,945	1,689	1,286
Pepperell . . . . .	3,460	3,119	3,114	3,004	2,922	2,779	2,468
Reading . . . . .	14,006	12,327	10,866	10,703	9,767	8,693	7,439
Sherborn . . . . .	1,245	1,036	1,022	994	943	929	1,558
Shirley . . . . .	4,271	2,459	2,608	2,548	2,427	2,394	2,260
SOMERVILLE . . . . .	102,351	105,883	102,177	100,773	103,908	99,032	93,091
Stoneham . . . . .	13,229	12,032	10,765	10,841	10,060	9,084	7,873

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<b>MIDDLESEX — Con.</b>							
Stow . . . . .	1,700	1,337	1,243	1,190	1,142	1,185	1,101
Sudbury . . . . .	2,596	2,051	1,754	1,638	1,182	1,394	1,211
Tewksbury . . . . .	7,505	5,949	6,261	6,563	5,585	4,985	4,450
Townsend . . . . .	2,817	2,298	2,065	1,942	1,752	1,895	1,575
Tyngsborough . . . . .	2,059	1,495	1,634	1,331	1,358	1,107	1,044
Wakefield . . . . .	19,633	18,677	16,223	16,494	16,318	15,611	13,025
WALTHAM . . . . .	47,187	43,577	40,020	40,557	39,247	34,746	30,915
Watertown . . . . .	37,329	37,438	35,427	35,827	34,913	25,480	21,457
Wayland . . . . .	4,407	3,901	3,505	3,346	2,937	2,255	1,935
Westford . . . . .	4,262	3,815	3,830	3,789	3,600	3,571	3,170
Weston . . . . .	5,026	4,473	3,590	3,848	3,332	2,906	2,282
Wilmington . . . . .	7,039	5,564	4,645	4,493	4,013	3,515	2,581
Winchester . . . . .	15,509	15,300	15,081	13,371	12,719	11,565	10,485
WOBURN . . . . .	20,492	19,886	19,751	19,695	19,434	18,370	16,574
<b>NANTUCKET.</b>	<b>3,484</b>	<b>2,870</b>	<b>3,401</b>	<b>3,495</b>	<b>3,678</b>	<b>3,152</b>	<b>2,797</b>
Nantucket . . . . .	3,484	2,870	3,401	3,495	3,678	3,152	2,797
<b>NORFOLK.</b>	<b>392,308</b>	<b>363,410</b>	<b>325,180</b>	<b>320,826</b>	<b>299,426</b>	<b>262,065</b>	<b>219,081</b>
Avon . . . . .	2,666	2,533	2,335	2,362	2,414	2,360	2,176
Bellingham . . . . .	4,100	3,494	2,979	3,056	3,189	2,877	2,102
Braintree . . . . .	23,161	20,279	16,378	17,122	15,712	13,193	10,580
Brookline . . . . .	57,589	56,940	49,786	50,319	47,490	42,681	37,748
Canton . . . . .	7,465	6,704	6,381	6,505	5,816	5,896	5,945
Cohasset . . . . .	3,731	3,540	3,111	3,418	3,083	2,913	2,639
Dedham . . . . .	18,487	16,659	15,508	15,371	15,136	13,918	10,792
Dover . . . . .	1,722	1,566	1,374	1,305	1,195	1,044	867
Foxborough . . . . .	7,030	6,457	6,303	5,834	5,347	4,934	4,136
Franklin . . . . .	8,037	7,531	7,303	7,494	7,028	7,055	6,497
Holbrook . . . . .	4,004	3,716	3,330	3,364	3,353	3,273	3,161
Medfield . . . . .	4,549	4,199	4,384	4,162	4,066	3,867	3,595
Medway . . . . .	3,744	3,363	3,297	3,268	3,153	3,144	2,956
Millis . . . . .	2,551	2,329	2,278	2,093	1,738	1,791	1,485
Milton . . . . .	22,395	21,718	18,708	18,147	16,434	12,861	9,382
Needham . . . . .	16,313	14,507	12,445	11,828	10,845	8,977	7,012
Norfolk . . . . .	2,704	2,006	2,294	2,073	1,429	1,213	1,159
Norwood . . . . .	16,636	16,508	15,383	15,574	15,049	14,151	12,627
Plainville . . . . .	2,088	1,837	1,302	1,606	1,583	1,512	1,365
QUINCY . . . . .	83,835	82,084	75,810	76,909	71,983	60,055	47,876
Randolph . . . . .	9,982	8,463	7,634	7,580	6,553	5,644	4,756
Sharon . . . . .	4,847	4,073	3,737	3,683	3,351	3,119	2,467
Stoughton . . . . .	11,146	9,063	8,632	8,478	8,204	7,857	6,865
Walpole . . . . .	9,109	8,409	7,443	7,449	7,273	6,508	5,446
Wellesley . . . . .	20,549	17,581	15,127	13,376	11,439	9,049	6,224
Westwood . . . . .	5,837	4,797	3,376	2,537	2,097	1,706	1,358
Weymouth . . . . .	32,690	27,957	23,868	21,748	20,882	17,253	15,057
Wrentham . . . . .	5,341	5,097	4,674	4,160	3,584	3,214	2,808
<b>PLYMOUTH.</b>	<b>189,468</b>	<b>180,318</b>	<b>168,824</b>	<b>166,329</b>	<b>162,311</b>	<b>164,257</b>	<b>156,968</b>
Abington . . . . .	7,152	6,374	5,708	5,696	5,872	5,882	5,787
Bridgewater . . . . .	9,512	8,641	8,902	9,201	9,055	9,468	8,438
BRACKTON . . . . .	62,860	65,202	62,343	62,407	63,797	65,343	66,254
Carver . . . . .	1,530	1,383	1,469	1,559	1,381	1,306	891
Duxbury . . . . .	3,167	2,432	2,359	2,244	1,696	1,688	1,553
East Bridgewater . . . . .	4,412	4,008	3,832	3,670	3,591	3,538	3,486
Halifax . . . . .	944	997	867	817	728	614	563
Hanover . . . . .	3,389	3,018	2,875	2,709	2,808	2,755	2,575
Hanson . . . . .	3,264	2,641	2,570	2,417	2,184	2,166	1,910
Hingham . . . . .	10,665	9,676	8,003	7,330	6,657	6,158	5,604

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<b>PLYMOUTH — Con.</b>							
Hull . . . . .	3,379	3,388	2,167	2,619	2,047	2,652	1,771
Kingston . . . . .	3,461	2,922	2,783	2,743	2,672	2,524	2,505
Lakeville . . . . .	2,066	1,555	1,780	1,443	1,574	1,439	1,419
Marion . . . . .	2,250	2,120	2,030	1,867	1,638	1,271	1,288
Marshfield . . . . .	3,267	2,405	2,419	2,073	1,625	1,777	1,379
Mattapoisett . . . . .	2,265	1,994	1,608	1,682	1,501	1,556	1,277
Middleborough . . . . .	10,164	9,596	9,032	8,865	8,608	9,136	8,453
Norwell . . . . .	2,515	2,147	1,871	1,666	1,519	1,466	1,348
Pembroke . . . . .	2,579	1,821	1,718	1,621	1,492	1,480	1,358
Plymouth . . . . .	13,608	13,536	13,100	13,183	13,042	13,176	13,045
Plympton . . . . .	697	545	532	558	511	511	469
Rochester . . . . .	1,328	1,107	1,269	1,229	1,141	1,100	1,047
Rockland . . . . .	8,960	8,603	8,087	7,890	7,524	7,966	7,544
Scituate . . . . .	5,993	4,873	4,130	3,846	3,118	2,713	2,534
Wareham . . . . .	7,569	7,439	6,364	6,047	5,686	5,594	4,415
West Bridgewater . . . . .	4,059	3,605	3,247	3,356	3,206	3,121	2,908
Whitman . . . . .	8,413	8,290	7,759	7,591	7,638	7,857	7,147
<b>SUFFOLK.</b>	<b>896,615</b>	<b>860,709</b>	<b>863,248</b>	<b>912,706</b>	<b>879,536</b>	<b>876,286</b>	<b>835,522</b>
BOSTON . . . . .	801,444	766,386	770,816	817,713	781,188	779,620	748,060
CHELSEA . . . . .	38,912	39,940	41,259	42,673	45,816	47,247	43,184
REVERE . . . . .	36,763	35,687	34,405	35,319	35,680	33,261	28,823
Winthrop . . . . .	19,496	18,696	16,768	17,001	16,852	16,158	15,455
<b>WORCESTER.</b>	<b>546,401</b>	<b>522,607</b>	<b>504,470</b>	<b>495,562</b>	<b>491,242</b>	<b>489,697</b>	<b>455,135</b>
Ashburnham . . . . .	2,603	2,325	2,255	2,051	2,079	2,159	2,012
Athol . . . . .	11,554	11,804	11,180	10,751	10,677	9,602	9,792
Auburn . . . . .	8,840	7,865	6,629	6,535	6,147	4,927	3,891
Barre . . . . .	3,406	3,485	3,528	3,509	3,510	3,329	3,357
Berlin . . . . .	1,349	1,119	1,057	1,091	1,075	1,071	868
Blackstone . . . . .	4,968	4,349	4,566	4,588	4,674	4,802	4,299
Bolton . . . . .	956	830	775	739	764	801	708
Boylston . . . . .	1,700	1,313	1,388	1,361	1,097	970	794
Brookfield <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	1,567	1,390	1,393	1,369	1,352	1,401	2,216
Charlton . . . . .	3,136	3,051	2,557	2,366	2,154	2,295	1,995
Clinton . . . . .	12,287	12,736	12,440	12,373	12,817	14,180	12,979
Dana <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	—	—	—	387	595	657	599
Douglas . . . . .	2,624	2,667	2,617	2,403	2,195	2,363	2,181
Dudley . . . . .	5,261	4,725	4,616	4,568	4,265	4,594	3,701
East Brookfield <sup>1</sup> . . . . .	1,243	1,670	1,016	945	926	929	—
FITCHBURG . . . . .	42,691	43,770	41,824	41,700	40,692	43,609	41,029
GARDNER . . . . .	19,581	20,245	20,206	20,397	19,359	18,730	16,971
Grafton . . . . .	8,281	7,969	7,457	7,681	7,030	6,973	6,887
Hardwick . . . . .	2,348	2,115	2,154	2,379	2,460	3,046	3,085
Harvard . . . . .	3,983	1,065	1,790	952	987	996	2,546
Holden . . . . .	5,975	4,846	3,924	3,914	3,871	3,436	2,970
Hopedale . . . . .	3,479	3,317	3,113	3,068	2,973	3,165	2,777
Hubbardston . . . . .	1,134	1,019	1,022	1,000	1,010	1,067	1,045
Lancaster . . . . .	3,601	3,037	2,963	2,590	2,897	2,678	2,461
Leicester . . . . .	6,029	5,154	4,851	4,426	4,445	4,110	3,635

<sup>1</sup> The town of East Brookfield was formed from a part of the town of Brookfield under chapter 178 of the Acts of 1920.

<sup>2</sup> The territory which formerly included the town of Dana in the county of Worcester and the towns of Enfield, Greenwich and Prescott in the county of Hampshire was taken for a water basin by the Metropolitan Water Commission under the provisions of chapter 240 of the Acts of 1938, and these towns ceased to exist as separate political subdivisions of the Commonwealth and were annexed to the town of Petersham in the county of Worcester and to the town of New Salem in the county of Franklin, as provided in said chapter 240 of the Acts of 1938.

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<b>WORCESTER — Con.</b>							
LEOMINSTER . . . . .	24,075	23,549	22,226	21,894	21,810	22,120	19,744
Lunenburg . . . . .	3,906	2,657	2,195	2,124	1,923	1,875	1,634
Mendon . . . . .	1,619	1,504	1,315	1,265	1,107	1,030	961
Milford . . . . .	15,442	15,801	15,388	15,008	14,741	14,781	13,471
Millbury . . . . .	8,347	7,666	6,983	6,879	6,957	6,441	5,653
Millville . . . . .	1,692	1,616	1,722	1,901	2,111	2,366	2,224
New Braintree . . . . .	478	409	439	436	407	423	394
Northborough . . . . .	3,122	2,958	2,382	2,396	1,946	1,968	1,753
Northbridge . . . . .	10,476	10,212	10,242	10,577	9,713	10,051	10,174
North Brookfield . . . . .	3,444	3,121	3,304	3,186	3,013	3,046	2,610
Oakham . . . . .	455	424	423	441	502	525	477
Oxford . . . . .	5,851	5,022	4,623	4,249	3,943	4,026	3,820
Paxton . . . . .	1,066	850	791	731	672	591	489
Petersham . . . . .	814	743	923	718	660	672	642
Phillipston . . . . .	638	475	481	423	357	384	354
Princeton . . . . .	1,032	866	713	707	717	773	682
Royalston . . . . .	838	750	795	841	744	821	819
Rutland . . . . .	3,056	1,561	2,181	2,406	2,442	2,236	1,743
Shrewsbury . . . . .	10,594	9,296	7,586	7,144	6,910	5,819	3,708
Southborough . . . . .	2,760	2,330	2,231	2,109	2,166	2,053	1,838
Southbridge . . . . .	17,519	17,561	16,825	15,786	14,264	15,489	14,245
Spencer . . . . .	7,027	6,765	6,641	6,487	6,272	6,523	5,930
Sterling . . . . .	2,166	1,897	1,713	1,556	1,502	1,516	1,305
Sturbridge . . . . .	2,805	2,329	2,227	1,918	1,772	1,845	1,573
Sutton . . . . .	3,102	2,610	2,949	2,408	2,147	2,174	2,578
Templeton . . . . .	4,757	4,435	4,601	4,302	4,159	4,368	4,019
Upton . . . . .	2,656	2,388	2,249	2,163	2,026	1,988	1,693
Uxbridge . . . . .	7,007	6,635	6,417	6,397	6,285	6,172	5,384
Warren . . . . .	3,406	3,498	3,531	3,662	3,765	3,950	3,467
Webster . . . . .	13,194	13,534	13,186	13,837	12,992	13,389	13,258
Westborough . . . . .	7,378	6,665	6,463	6,073	6,409	6,348	5,789
West Boylston . . . . .	2,570	2,382	1,882	2,158	2,114	1,916	1,624
West Brookfield . . . . .	1,674	1,457	1,387	1,258	1,255	1,314	1,281
Westminster . . . . .	2,768	2,153	2,126	1,965	1,925	1,884	1,343
Winchendon . . . . .	6,585	6,461	6,575	6,603	6,202	6,173	5,904
WORCESTER . . . . .	203,486	198,741	193,694	190,471	195,311	190,757	179,754

*Recapitulation*

THE STATE AND COUNTIES.	1950.	1945.	1940.	1935.	1930.	1925.	1920.
<b>THE STATE.</b>	<b>4,690,514</b>	<b>4,493,281</b>	<b>4,316,721</b>	<b>4,350,910</b>	<b>4,249,614</b>	<b>4,144,205</b>	<b>3,852,356</b>
Barnstable . . . . .	46,805	38,216	37,295	36,647	32,305	29,782	26,670
Berkshire . . . . .	132,966	127,620	122,273	121,099	120,700	121,255	113,033
Bristol . . . . .	381,569	373,619	364,637	366,465	364,590	383,795	359,005
Dukes . . . . .	5,633	5,050	5,669	5,700	4,953	4,862	4,372
Essex . . . . .	522,384	519,333	496,313	504,483	498,040	496,832	482,156
Franklin . . . . .	52,747	51,066	49,453	51,043	49,612	49,598	49,361
Hampden . . . . .	367,971	351,757	332,107	333,495	335,496	327,083	300,305
Hampshire . . . . .	87,594	74,375	72,481	74,205	72,801	75,122	69,599
Middlesex . . . . .	1,064,569	1,022,331	971,390	958,855	934,924	860,414	778,352
Nantucket . . . . .	3,484	2,870	3,401	3,495	3,678	3,152	2,797
Norfolk . . . . .	392,308	363,410	325,180	320,826	299,426	262,065	219,081
Plymouth . . . . .	189,468	189,318	168,824	166,329	162,311	164,257	156,968
Suffolk . . . . .	896,615	860,709	803,248	912,706	879,536	876,286	835,522
Worcester . . . . .	548,401	522,607	504,470	495,562	491,242	489,697	455,135



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## RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL LAWS

WHEN RECEIVED	CITY OF TOWN	SUBJECT AND REFERENCE	ACTION	DATE OF ACTION
1950				
July 3	Norfolk County Commissioners	Advances of vacation pay to officers and employees of the Commonwealth and of certain counties, cities and towns, 1945, 635, s. 3 (G. L. 44, s. 65)	Accepted	June 27, 1950
July 17	Lowell	No loss of pay or vacation to certain state and municipal employees in militia, organized reserve of the Army of the United States or of the United States Naval Reserve Forces, 1939, 425, s. 1 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	July 12, 1950
Aug. 4	Essex County Commissioners	Annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Aug. 1, 1950
Aug. 9	Norwood	Board of survey, 1947, 340, s. 4 (G. L. 41, ss. 81K-81U)	Accepted	Aug. 3, 1950
Sept. 6	Fall River	Forty hour work week for employees of certain cities and towns, 1948, 657 (G. L. 149, s. 33A)	Accepted	Sept. 2, 1950
Sept. 7	Gardner	No loss of pay or vacation to certain state and municipal employees in militia, organized reserve of the Army of the United States or of the United States Naval Reserve Forces, 1939, 425, s. 1 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	
Sept. 14	Cambridge	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Aug. 29, 1950
Sept. 15	Webster	Certain sports and games permitted on the Lord's day, G. L. 136, ss. 21-32	Accepted	Sept. 11, 1950
Oct. 2	Waltham	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Sept. 12, 1950
Oct. 19	Lynn	Annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Sept. 12, 1950
Oct. 19	Melrose	Licensing of open-air parking spaces, G. L. 148, s. 56	Accepted	Oct. 10, 1950
Oct. 26	Northampton	Vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 172 (G. L. 41, s. 111A)	Accepted	Oct. 16, 1950
Oct. 26	Northampton	Advances of regular vacation pay for employees of cities and towns, 1945, 635, s. 3 (G. L. 44, s. 65)	Accepted	Oct. 19, 1950
Nov. 6	Gloucester	Licensed operation on the Lord's day of bowling alleys, 1946, 207, s. 3 (G. L. 136, s. 4B)	Accepted	Oct. 19, 1950
Nov. 21	Brockton	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Accepted	Nov. 1, 1950
Nov. 21	Cambridge Election Commissioners	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1950
Nov. 21	Haverhill	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1950
Nov. 21	Melrose	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Rejected	Nov. 7, 1950
Nov. 21	Charlton	Vacations for certain municipal employees, G. L. 41, s. 111, as amended	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1950
Nov. 21	Duxbury	Vacations for certain municipal employees, G. L. 41, s. 111, as amended	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1950
Nov. 21	Winchendon	Vacations for certain municipal employees, G. L. 41, s. 111, as amended	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1950
Nov. 21	Gay Head	Contributory retirement system for cities and towns, G. L. 32, ss. 1-28	Rejected	Nov. 7, 1950
Nov. 21	Leyden	Contributory retirement system for cities and towns, G. L. 32, ss. 1-28	Rejected	Nov. 7, 1950
Nov. 24	Lowell	Hours of employment of city and town employees further regulated, 1950, 653 (G. L. 149, s. 33B)	Accepted	Nov. 7, 1950
Dec. 1	Wellesley	Advances of vacation pay to officers and employees of the Commonwealth and of certain counties, cities and towns, 1945, 635, s. 3 (G. L. 44, s. 65)	Accepted	Nov. 21, 1950
1951				
Jan. 2	Quincy	Improved method of municipal planning, G. L. 41, ss. 81A-81Y, as amended	Accepted	Nov. 21, 1950
Jan. 17	Boston	Hours of employment of city and town employees further regulated, 1950, 653 (G. L. 149, s. 33B)	Accepted	Nov. 6, 1950
Feb. 16	Pittsfield	No loss of pay or vacation to certain state and municipal employees in militia, organized reserve of the Army of the United States or of the United States Naval Reserve Forces, 1939, 425, s. 1 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	Jan. 12, 1951
				Feb. 14, 1951

Mar. 8	Milford	Tenure of office for certain city and town clerks, 1950, 388 (G. L. 41, s. 19B)	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1951
Mar. 9	Watertown	Tenure of office for certain city and town clerks, 1950, 388 (G. L. 41, s. 19B)	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1951
Mar. 12	Webster	Hours of employment of city and town employees further regulated, 1950, 653 (G. L. 149, s. 33B)	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1951
Mar. 13	Maynard	Removal of snow and ice from private ways, 1943, 225 (G. L. 40, s. 6C)	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1951
Mar. 14	Southbridge	Tenure of office for certain city and town clerks, 1950, 388 (G. L. 41, s. 19B)	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1951
Mar. 19	Westwood	Establishment of police departments in certain towns, 1948, 595 (G. L. 41, s. 97A)	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1951
Mar. 19	Scituate	Tenure of office for certain city and town clerks, 1950, 388 (G. L. 41, s. 19B)	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1951
Mar. 21	Hull	Establishment of police departments in certain towns, 1948, 595 (G. L. 41, s. 97A)	Accepted	Mar. 20, 1951
Mar. 22	Marblehead	Uniforms for police and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1951
Mar. 23	Worcester	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1951
Mar. 23	Milton	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1951
Mar. 29	Lynnfield	Licensed operation on the Lord's day of bowling alleys, 1946, 207, s. 3 (G. L. 136, s. 4B)	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1951
Apr. 4	Braintree	Establishment of police departments in certain towns, 1948, 595 (G. L. 41, s. 97A)	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1951
Apr. 4	Braintree	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Mar. 26, 1951
Apr. 4	Frammingham	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1948, 657 (G. L. 149, s. 33A)	Accepted	Mar. 19, 1951
Apr. 4	Auburn Water District, Auburn	Collection of water rates, G. L. 40, ss. 42A-42F	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1951
Apr. 4	Watertown	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1950
Apr. 5	Bourne	Uniforms for police and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B	Accepted	Feb. 12, 1951
Apr. 5	Bourne	Absent voting at regular town elections, G. L. 54, s. 103A, as amended	Accepted	Feb. 12, 1951
Apr. 5	Bourne	No loss of pay or vacation to certain state and municipal employees in militia, organized reserve of the Army of the United States or of the United States Naval Reserve Forces, 1939, 425, s. 1 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	Feb. 12, 1951
Apr. 5	Brookline	Establishment of purchasing department, G. L. 41, s. 103	Accepted	Feb. 27, 1951
Apr. 5	Brookline	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Mar. 27, 1951
Apr. 9	Arlington	Appropriation for municipal advertising, G. L. 40, s. 6A	Accepted	Mar. 27, 1951
Apr. 9	Arlington	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Mar. 28, 1951
Apr. 12	Weymouth	Forty hour work week for employees of certain cities and towns, 1948, 657 (G. L. 149, s. 33A)	Accepted	Mar. 9, 1951
Apr. 12	Weymouth	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Mar. 9, 1951
Apr. 16	Wilmington	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Mar. 19, 1951
Apr. 30	Bolton	Establishment of a regional school district, 1949, 638, s. 1 (G. L. 71, ss. 16-16I)	Accepted	Apr. 25, 1951
May 1	Chatham	Absent voting at regular town elections, 1937, 77, s. 1, as amended (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Apr. 27, 1951
May 2	Arlington	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Apr. 5, 1951
May 2	Arlington	Municipal advertising, G. L. 40, s. 6A	Accepted	Apr. 5, 1951
May 7	Charlton	Certain sports and games permitted on the Lord's day, G. L. 136, ss. 21-25, as amended	Accepted	Apr. 5, 1951
May 11	Pittsfield	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	May 3, 1951
May 11	Lowell	Advances of vacation pay to officers and employees of the Commonwealth and of certain counties, cities and towns, 1945, 635, s. 3 (G. L. 44, s. 65)	Accepted	Apr. 24, 1951
June 14	Cambridge	Annual license fee for carrying on the business of slaughtering cattle, etc., 1949, 334, s. 2 (G. L. 94, s. 120)	Accepted	May 29, 1951
June 15	Medford	Installation of parking meters in off-street parking lots and use of the receipts therefrom, 1951, 326 (G. L. 40, s. 22C)	Accepted	June 11, 1951
June 18	Wilmington	Uniforms for police and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B	Accepted	June 12, 1951
June 22	Worcester	Reconsideration of appeal or petition for variance from terms of ordinance or by-law after unfavorable action, 1938, 133, s. 2 (G. L. 40, s. 30A)	Accepted	Mar. 19, 1951
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RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1950	District Clerk, Hillcrest	An Act establishing the Hillcrest Water District in the town of Leicester (1950, 358)	June 13, 1950	-1	-
July 5	District, Leicester	An Act relative to the civil service status of elevator inspectors in the building department of the city of Boston (1950, 590)	July 14, 1950	-1	-
July 17	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for a second assistant clerk of court for the first district court of Essex and for the district court of Chelsea (1950, 444)	July 14, 1940	-1	-
July 18	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for a second assistant clerk of court for the first district court of Essex and for the district court of Chelsea (1950, 444)	July 14, 1940	-1	-
July 18	Town Clerk, Needham	An Act relative to voting precincts and the nomination, election and terms of office of town meeting members in the town of Needham (1950, 31)	Mar. 13, 1950	1,467	338
Aug. 4	Town Clerk, Stoneham	An Act establishing a town manager form of government for the town of Stoneham (1949, 597)	Mar. 6, 1950	1,682	1,413
Aug. 14	City Clerk, Fall River	An Act relative to the filling of vacancies in the city council of the city of Fall River (1950, 90)	Aug. 10, 1950	-1	-
Aug. 25	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the school department of the city of Boston to transfer to the park department control of certain land on Poplar Street in said city (1950, 695)	Aug. 22, 1950	-1	-
Sept. 12	Assistant City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to appropriate and pay a sum of money to Franklin J. Scels (1950, 775)	Sept. 6, 1950	-1	-
Sept. 18	City Clerk, Revere	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Sept. 11, 1950	-1	-
Sept. 22	Assistant Town Clerk, Ipswich	An Act establishing a town manager form of government for the town of Ipswich (1949, 247)	Mar. 13, 1950	1,418	1,035
Sept. 25	Town Clerk, Stoughton	An Act establishing in the town of Stoughton representative town government by limited town meetings (1949, 213)	Mar. 20, 1950	1,476	535
Sept. 25	Town Clerk, Egremont	An Act authorizing the town of Egremont to receive and administer the property of the Riverside Cemetery Corporation in said town (1949, 219)	Feb. 19, 1950	173	0
Sept. 26	City Clerk, Malden	An Act authorizing the placing of the office of director of rehabilitation of the city of Malden under the civil service laws (1949, 111)	Apr. 15, 1949	-1	-
Sept. 26	Assistant Town Clerk, Ayer	An Act authorizing the town of Ayer to construct an outfall sewer or force main and enlarge its sewage treatment works for the disposal of its sewage (1949, 800)	Aug. 12, 1949	-1	-
Sept. 27	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Sept. 25, 1950	-1	-
Oct. 2	Clerk, Dracut Water Supply	An Act exempting from taxation certain property in the Dracut Water Supply District (1949, 246)	Feb. 21, 1950	80	43
Oct. 18	District, Dracut	An Act providing for the holding of biennial municipal elections in the city of Newburyport in odd numbered years beginning in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-one (1950, 576)	Sept. 5, 1950	-1	-
Oct. 18	City Clerk, Newburyport	An Act providing for the holding of biennial municipal elections in the city of Newburyport in odd numbered years beginning in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-one (1950, 576)	Sept. 5, 1950	-1	-



Oct. 18	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the city of Lynn to use certain playground land for highway purposes (1950, 16)	Oct.	10, 1950	-	-
Oct. 24	Town Clerk, Auburn	An Act establishing in the town of Auburn representative town government by limited town meetings (1950, 638)	Oct.	7, 1950	164	280
Oct. 24	Town Clerk, Hanson	An Act to authorize the placing of the positions of the regular or permanent members of the police force and the office of chief of police of the town of Hanson under the civil service laws (1949, 7)	Mar.	12, 1949	337	218
Oct. 24	Town Clerk, Greenfield	An Act relative to the hours of duty of permanent members of the fire department in the town of Greenfield (1949, 1)	Mar.	7, 1949	4,174	1,748
Nov. 1	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Oct.	30, 1950	-	-
Nov. 3	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Oct.	31, 1950	-	-
Nov. 6	Clerk, Warren Water District, Warren	An Act providing for extensions of the boundaries of the Warren Water District (1950, 410)	Oct.	26, 1950	-	-
Nov. 6	City Clerk, Medford	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Nov.	1, 1950	-	-
Nov. 21	Board of Election Commissioners, Boston	An Act providing for a five day work week for police officers of the city of Boston (1950, 323)	Nov.	7, 1950	182,203	81,042
Nov. 21	City Clerk, Leominster	An Act authorizing the city of Leominster to pay a sum of money to Yvonne M. Allen (1950, 594)	Nov.	7, 1950	4,512	2,575
Nov. 21	City Clerk, Malden	An Act providing for the initiative and referendum for the city of Malden (1950, 29)	Nov.	7, 1950	12,454	3,767
Nov. 21	City Clerk, Malden	An Act authorizing the payment of salaries to the aldermen and the common councilmen of the city of Malden (1950, 217)	Nov.	7, 1950	8,889	10,336
Nov. 21	City Clerk, Malden	An Act providing for two days off out of every seven days for members of the Malden police department (1950, 320)	Nov.	7, 1950	17,274	5,737
Nov. 21	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act to revise the charter of the city of Northampton (1950, 690)	Nov.	7, 1950	4,371	4,897
Nov. 21	City Clerk, Woburn	An Act relative to the compensation of the members of the city council of the city of Woburn (1950, 578)	Nov.	7, 1950	3,321	4,373
Nov. 21	Town Clerk, Ashland	An Act providing for life tenure for Walter F. Schouler, incumbent of the office of chief of police of the town of Ashland (1950, 579)	Nov.	7, 1950	946	647
Nov. 21	Town Clerk, Braintree	An Act relative to the hours of duty of the permanent members of the fire department in the town of Braintree (1950, 149)	Nov.	7, 1950	3,439	5,075
Nov. 21	Town Clerk, Framingham	An Act establishing in the town of Framingham representative town government by limited town meetings (1949, 143)	Nov.	7, 1950	4,999	3,125
Nov. 21	Town Clerk, Wilmington	An Act establishing a town manager form of government for the town of Wilmington (1950, 592)	Nov.	7, 1950	1,401	750
Nov. 21	City Clerk, Salem	An Act authorizing the city of Salem to sell and convey certain park property (1949, 106)	Apr.	20, 1949	-	-
Nov. 21	City Clerk, Salem	An Act authorizing the city of Salem to use certain land for public school athletic activities (1949, 42)	Apr.	20, 1949	-	-

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WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yea	No
1950					
Nov. 22	City Clerk, Malden	An Act authorizing the conveyance of certain park land by the city of Malden to the Malden Housing Authority for veterans' housing purposes (1949, 214)	Apr. 28, 1950	-7	-
Nov. 22	City Clerk, Fitchburg	An Act providing for party nominations for elective municipal officers in the city of Fitchburg (1949, 65)	Nov. 8, 1949	6,035	8,266
Nov. 22	City Clerk, Taunton	An Act relative to the hours of duty of permanent members of the fire department in the city of Taunton (1949, 33)	Nov. 8, 1949	4,300	5,255
Nov. 22	Town Clerk, Greenfield	An Act relative to the hours of duty of permanent members of the fire department in the town of Greenfield (1949, 1)	Mar. 7, 1949	4,174	1,748
Nov. 22	Town Clerk, Wareham	An Act to authorize the town of Wareham to borrow money for the purpose of constructing, equipping and furnishing a school building (1949, 43)	June 6, 1949	-4	-
Nov. 24	City Clerk, Salem	An Act changing the date for the holding of biennial municipal elections in the city of Salem (1950, 52)	Feb. 23, 1950	-4	-
Nov. 24	City Clerk, Chicopee	An Act providing for the payment of an annual salary of five hundred dollars to each of the members of the board of aldermen of the city of Chicopee (1949, 248)	Nov. 8, 1949	5,238	14,191
Nov. 24	Town Clerk, Wilmington	An Act authorizing George W. Buck, tax collector of the town of Wilmington, to become a member of the contributory retirement system of said town, and making him eligible for certain retirement benefits thereunder (1949, 108)	May 9, 1949	-4	-
Nov. 24	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Nov. 2, 1950	-7	-
Nov. 27	City Clerk, Fall River	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Nov. 24, 1950	-3	-
Nov. 27	City Clerk, Gloucester	An Act providing for a limitation of the term of a person elected to fill a vacancy in the school committee of the city of Gloucester (1949, 161)	Dec. 6, 1949	3,786	2,839
Nov. 27	City Clerk, Gloucester	An Act authorizing the city of Gloucester to use for public school purposes a certain portion of the Maxwell Parsons Playground, so called, in said city (1949, 175)	Apr. 22, 1949	-3	-
Nov. 27	City Clerk, Fall River	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Nov. 14, 1950	-3	-
Nov. 27	Clerk, Norfolk County Commissioners	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Nov. 21, 1950	-8	-
Nov. 27	Clerk, Norfolk County Commissioners	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Nov. 21, 1950	-8	-
Nov. 27	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Nov. 20, 1950	-3	-

Nov. 27	Temporary City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Nov.	20, 1950	-8
Nov. 30	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Nov.	28, 1950	-8
Nov. 30	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Nov.	27, 1950	-8
Dec. 1	City Clerk, Brockton	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Nov.	30, 1950	-2
Dec. 1	City Clerk, Brockton	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Nov.	16, 1950	-2
Dec. 4	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Nov.	30, 1950	-2
Dec. 4	Chairman, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Dec.	1, 1950	-9
Dec. 4	Chairman, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Dec.	1, 1950	-9
Dec. 4	Clerk, Hampshire County Commissioners	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Dec.	1, 1950	-9
Dec. 4	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex Commissioners	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Nov.	28, 1950	-6
Dec. 12	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Dec.	5, 1950	-2
Dec. 12	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Dec.	7, 1950	-2
Dec. 13	Assistant Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Dec.	5, 1950	-11
Dec. 18	City Clerk, Westfield	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Dec.	7, 1950	-3

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1950					
Dec. 18	Town Clerk, Watertown . . .	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Dec. 4, 1950	-13	-
Dec. 22	City Clerk, North Adams . . .	An Act authorizing increases of the amounts of pensions payable to certain former public employees who have been retired and to beneficiaries of certain retired public employees (1948, 588)	Dec. 20, 1950	-1	-
Dec. 22	Assistant City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Dec. 20, 1950	-1	-
Dec. 22	Town Clerk, Abington . . .	An Act providing for the declaration by popular referendum in certain cities and towns as to whether a shortage of rental housing accommodations exists which requires the continuance of federal rent control therein (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,368	952
Dec. 22	Town Clerk, Acton . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	706	537
Dec. 22	Town Clerk, Acushnet . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	828	343
Dec. 22	Town Clerk, Adams . . .	An Act providing for the declaration by popular referendum in certain cities and towns as to whether a shortage of rental housing accommodations exists which requires the continuance of federal rent control therein (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950		
Dec. 22	Town Clerk, Agawam . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	3,002	1,324
Dec. 22	Town Clerk, Alford . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	2,064	1,024
Dec. 22	Town Clerk, Amesbury . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	25	39
Dec. 22	Town Clerk, Amherst . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	2,110	1,200
Dec. 22	Town Clerk, Andover . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,721	1,016
Dec. 22	Town Clerk, Arlington . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	2,979	1,928
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Ashburnham . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	11,067	6,111
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Ashby . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	452	314
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Ashland . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	208	226
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Athol . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	813	416
Dec. 26	City Clerk, Attleboro . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	2,017	1,342
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Auburn . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	4,716	2,411
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Ayer . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,776	876
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Barnstable . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	463	282
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Barre . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	693	304
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Becket . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,768	1,424
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Bedford . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	574	350
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Belchertown . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	126	96
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Bellingham . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	518	348
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Belchertown . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	449	308
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Bellingham . . .	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	726	336



Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Belmont	Nov.	7, 1950	6,798	4,311
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Berkley	Nov.	7, 1950	176	148
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Berlin	Nov.	7, 1950	189	229
Dec. 26	City Clerk, Beverly	Nov.	7, 1950	6,558	2,992
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Billerica	Nov.	7, 1950	2,057	1,023
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Blackstone	Nov.	7, 1950	1,096	1,390
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Blanford	Nov.	7, 1950	85	117
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Bolton	Nov.	7, 1950	141	153
Dec. 26	City Clerk, Boston	Nov.	7, 1950	185,007	41,168
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Bourne	Nov.	7, 1950	671	557
Dec. 26	Town Clerk, Boxborough	Nov.	7, 1950	64	76
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Boxford	Nov.	7, 1950	114	279
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Boylston	Nov.	7, 1950	262	212
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Braintree	Nov.	7, 1950	4,775	2,764
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Brewster	Nov.	7, 1950	163	190
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Bridgewater	Nov.	7, 1950	1,019	749
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Brimfield	Nov.	7, 1950	163	134
Dec. 27	City Clerk, Brookton	Nov.	7, 1950	14,178	7,918
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Brookfield	Nov.	7, 1950	290	196
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Brookline	Nov.	7, 1950	12,981	3,880
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Burlington	Nov.	7, 1950	595	224
Dec. 27	City Clerk, Cambridge	Nov.	7, 1950	30,125	6,592
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Canton	Nov.	7, 1950	1,566	740
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Carlisle	Nov.	7, 1950	136	139
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Chatham	Nov.	7, 1950	416	275
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Chatham	Nov.	7, 1950	432	374
Dec. 27	City Clerk, Chelmsford	Nov.	7, 1950	1,656	1,116
Dec. 27	City Clerk, Chelsea	Nov.	7, 1950	9,410	2,058
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Cheshire	Nov.	7, 1950	308	183
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Chester	Nov.	7, 1950	185	134
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Chesterfield	Nov.	7, 1950	41	96
Dec. 27	City Clerk, Chicopee	Nov.	7, 1950	11,516	4,674
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Clarksburg	Nov.	7, 1950	264	103
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Clinton	Nov.	7, 1950	2,531	1,325
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Cohasset	Nov.	7, 1950	811	565
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Concord	Nov.	7, 1950	1,963	1,147
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Cummington	Nov.	7, 1950	106	125
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Dalton	Nov.	7, 1950	1,084	553
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Danvers	Nov.	7, 1950	2,576	1,417
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Dartmouth	Nov.	7, 1950	2,015	1,104
Dec. 27	Town Clerk, Dedham	Nov.	7, 1950	3,913	1,898
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Dennis	Nov.	7, 1950	446	484
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Dighton	Nov.	7, 1950	527	309
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Douglas	Nov.	7, 1950	583	307
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Dover	Nov.	7, 1950	349	335

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Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Dracont	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,447	754
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Dudley	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,882	425
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Dunstable	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	57	106
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, East Bridgewater	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	583	519
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, East Brookfield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	231	153
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, East Longmeadow	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,132	572
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Eastham	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	140	199
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Easthampton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	2,516	1,030
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Easton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,113	771
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Egremont	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	123	112
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Essex	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	294	242
Dec. 28	City Clerk, Everett	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	9,121	3,141
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Fairhaven	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	2,729	1,178
Dec. 28	City Clerk, Fall River	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	23,000	8,458
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Falmouth	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,309	889
Dec. 28	City Clerk, Fitchburg	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	9,055	5,050
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Florida	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	78	55
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Foxborough	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,036	691
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Framingham	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	5,624	2,221
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Franklin	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,409	672
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Freetown	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	311	210
Dec. 28	City Clerk, Gardner	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	4,022	1,800
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Georgetown	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	351	319
Dec. 28	City Clerk, Gloucester	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	3,741	1,893
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Goshen	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	33	67
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Grafton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,172	639
Dec. 28	Town Clerk, Granby	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	336	244
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Granville	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	107	131



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Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Mansfield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,282	809
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Marlborough	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	3,346	2,494
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Northampton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	3,422	1,356
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Nashua	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	62	25
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Mattapoisett	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	481	302
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Maynard	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,512	563
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Medford	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	556	323
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Medford	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	15,134	6,368
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Medway	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	650	425
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Melrose	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	6,951	4,466
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Mendon	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	286	247
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Merrimac	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	419	362
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Methuen	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	5,329	2,830
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Middleborough	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,787	1,181
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Middlefield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	33	33
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Middleton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	398	219
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Milford	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	2,743	1,008
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Millbury	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,382	789
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Millis	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	538	236
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Millville	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	276	110
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Milton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	6,689	2,949
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Monson	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	742	435
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Monterey	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	75	84
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Montgomery	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	27	30
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Mount Washington	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	8	6
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Nahant	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	607	371
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Natick	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	3,768	1,958
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Needham	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	3,737	2,645
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Needham Heights	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	11	18
Dec. 29	City Clerk, New Bedford	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	23,365	9,414
Dec. 29	City Clerk, New Brantree	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	51	72
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, New Marlborough	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	124	115
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Newbury	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	326	331
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Newburyport	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	2,523	1,730





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Dec. 29	City Clerk, Salem	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	10,307	4,402
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Salisbury	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	440	354
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Sandisfield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	92	39
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Sandwich	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	254	227
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Saugus	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	3,594	1,526
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Savoy	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	32	30
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Seekonk	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	895	595
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Sharon	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,007	645
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Sheffield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	337	249
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Sherborn	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	124	344
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Shirley	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	367	231
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Shrewsbury	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,901	1,144
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Somerset	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,543	648
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Somerville	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	23,892	8,162
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, South Hadley	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	2,287	1,070
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Southampton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	229	217
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Southborough	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	518	332
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Southbridge	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	3,671	1,704
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Southwick	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,384	236
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Spencer	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,824	771
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Springfield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	40,847	14,569
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Sterling	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	403	281
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Stockbridge	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	403	254
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Stoneham	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	2,825	1,543
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Stoughton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	2,130	920
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Stow	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	236	215
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Sturbridge	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	462	266
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Sudbury	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	490	334
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Sutton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	495	348
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Swampscott	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	3,079	1,849
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Swansea	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	1,395	626
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Taunton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	7,075	3,667
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Templeton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	777	442
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Tewksbury	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	837	517

Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Tolland	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	20	15
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Topsfield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	259	286
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Townsend	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	420	345
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Truro	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	129	105
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Tyngsborough	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	380	244
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Tyringham	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	36	30
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Upton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	456	295
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Uxbridge	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	1,287	648
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Wakefield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	4,140	2,318
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Wales	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	64	66
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Walpole	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	1,770	826
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Waltham	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	7,533	2,899
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Ware	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	1,337	785
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Warren	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	530	388
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Washington	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	36	29
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Watertown	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	9,239	3,912
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Wayland	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	955	565
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Webster	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	2,909	1,321
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Wellesley	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	4,264	3,140
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Wellfleet	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	224	219
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Wenham	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	317	340
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, West Boylston	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	548	319
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, West Bridgewater	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	591	563
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, West Brookfield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	231	231
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, West Newbury	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	210	207
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, West Springfield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	4,462	1,974
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, West Stockbridge	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	170	107
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Westborough	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	1,094	733
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Westfield	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	4,135	1,920
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Westford	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	609	386
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Westhampton	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	50	75
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Westminster	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	345	295
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Weston	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	1,010	915
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Westport	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	712	483
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Westwood	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	1,220	860
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Weymouth	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	6,565	2,829
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Whitman	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	1,490	1,007
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Wilbraham	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	879	539
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Williamsburg	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	397	246
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Williamstown	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	1,114	560
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Wilmington	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	1,204	527
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Winchendon	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	976	563
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Winchester	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov.	7, 1950	3,560	2,638

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WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1950					
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Windsor	An Act providing for the declaration by popular referendum in certain cities and towns as to whether a shortage of rental housing accommodations exists which requires the continuance of federal rent control therein (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	40	41
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Wintthrop	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	4,926	1,881
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Woburn	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	4,850	2,146
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Worcester	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	47,906	18,524
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Worthington	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	57	78
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Wrentham	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	610	408
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Yarmouth	Same act as above (1950, 752)	Nov. 7, 1950	558	522
Dec. 29	City Clerk, Newburyport	An Act providing for the holding of biennial municipal elections in the city of Newburyport in odd numbered years beginning in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-one (1950, 576)	Sept. 5, 1950	-3	-
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Watertown	An Act authorizing the town of Watertown to use a part of Saltonstall Park as a public way (1950, 566)	Dec. 4, 1950	-12	-
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Watertown	An Act authorizing pay-roll deductions on account of union dues in the case of certain state, county or municipal employees (1950, 740)	Dec. 4, 1950	-12	-
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Watertown	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Dec. 4, 1950	-12	-
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Watertown	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Dec. 4, 1950	-12	-
Dec. 29	Town Clerk, Douglas	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Dec. 20, 1950	-12	-
1951					
Jan. 2	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Jan. 8, 1951	-7	-
Jan. 3	City Clerk, Everett	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Dec. 28, 1950	-2	-
Jan. 3	City Clerk, Everett	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Dec. 28, 1950	-2	-
Jan. 8	City Clerk, Melrose	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Jan. 4, 1951	-13	-
Jan. 8	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Jan. 1, 1951	-7	-



Jan. 12	City Clerk, Fitchburg	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Jan. 11, 1951	-2	-
Jan. 17	Town Clerk, Westwood	An Act establishing the Dedham-Westwood Water District (1950, 610)	Jan. 15, 1951	-4	-
Jan. 19	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing pay-roll deductions on account of union dues in the case of certain state, county or municipal employees (1950, 740)	Jan. 17, 1951	-3	-
Feb. 16	Town Clerk, Provincetown	An Act authorizing the town of Provincetown to establish a board of public works exercising the powers and duties of water commissioners, sewer commissioners and of selectmen with respect to highways (1950, 47)	Feb. 12, 1951	547	457
Feb. 20	Town Clerk, Palmer	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Feb. 12, 1951	-12	-
Feb. 23	City Clerk, Medford	An Act authorizing cities and towns to appropriate money for entertaining and presenting souvenirs to persons inducted into the armed forces of the United States (1951, 52)	Feb. 20, 1951	-4	-
Feb. 23	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing pay-roll deductions on account of union dues in the case of certain state, county or municipal employees (1950, 740)	Feb. 20, 1951	-6	-
Mar. 1	City Clerk, Gardner	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Feb. 23, 1951	-3	-
Mar. 1	City Clerk, Gardner	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Feb. 19, 1951	-8	-
Mar. 9	Town Clerk, Hamilton	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 5, 1951	-12	-
Mar 12	Town Clerk, Webster	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 6, 1951	-12	-
Mar 12	Town Clerk, Webster	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Mar. 6, 1951	-12	-
Mar 14	Town Clerk, Milton	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 10, 1951	-12	-
Mar 14	Town Clerk, Milton	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Mar. 10, 1951	-12	-
Mar. 16	Town Clerk, Athol	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 9, 1951	-12	-
Mar. 19	Town Clerk, Lincoln	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 5, 1951	-12	-
Mar. 19	Town Clerk, Sherborn	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 10, 1951	-12	-

## RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT—Continued

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1051 Mar. 19	Town Clerk, Grafton . . .	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 10, 1951	-12	-
Mar. 19	Town Clerk, Westwood . . .	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 12, 1951	-4	-
Mar. 19	Town Clerk, Berlin . . .	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 12, 1951	-12	-
Mar. 22	Town Clerk, Marblehead . . .	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 12, 1951	-12	-
Mar. 28	Town Clerk, Spencer . . .	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 12, 1951	-12	-
Apr. 4	Town Clerk, Braintree . . .	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Mar. 8, 1951	-4	-
Apr. 4	Town Clerk, Braintree . . .	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 19, 1951	-12	-
Apr. 4	Town Clerk, Winchester . . .	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 19, 1951	-12	-
Apr. 5	Town Clerk, Bourne . . .	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Mar. 15, 1951	-12	-
Apr. 5	Town Clerk, Bourne . . .	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Feb. 12, 1951	-12	-
Apr. 5	Town Clerk, Brookline . . .	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Feb. 12, 1951	-12	-
Apr. 6	Town Clerk, Arlington . . .	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 820)	Mar. 27, 1951	-12	-
Apr. 6	Town Clerk, Arlington . . .	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 28, 1951	-4	-
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Apr. 9	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act to establish in the town of Natick representative town government by limited town meetings (1938, 2, as amended)	Mar.	5, 1951	1,583	2,158
Apr. 9	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar.	5, 1951	-4	-
Apr. 12	Town Clerk, Weymouth	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar.	9, 1951	-4	-
Apr. 12	Town Clerk, Weymouth	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Mar.	9, 1951	-4	-
Apr. 23	Town Clerk, Winchendon	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar.	13, 1951	-12	-
Apr. 25	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act providing for indemnification of police chauffeurs in the city of Lowell for certain expenses or damages incurred by them (1951, 247)	Apr.	24, 1951	-3	-
May 2	Town Clerk, Arlington	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	Apr.	5, 1951	-4	-
May 2	Town Clerk, Arlington	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Apr.	5, 1951	-4	-
May 4	Assistant City Clerk, Worcester	An Act relative to tenure of office of the present incumbent of the office of assistant city clerk in the city of Worcester (1951, 241)	May	1, 1951	-3	-
May 11	Assistant City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to take for public use the 'Tatman Cemetery (1951, 246)	May	8, 1951	-3	-
May 28	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act placing the incumbents of the position of deputy sealer of weights and measures and the investigator of veterans' benefits of the city of Lynn under the civil service laws and rules (1951, 222)	May	15, 1951	-3	-
June 11	Assistant City Clerk, Quincy	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	June	5, 1951	-3	-
June 18	City Clerk, North Adams	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 783)	June	5, 1951	-3	-
June 18	City Clerk, North Adams	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	June	5, 1951	-3	-
June 19	Town Clerk, Easthampton	An Act making applicable increases in retirement allowances to those persons retired after January first, nineteen hundred and forty-six with a minimum allowance (1950, 820)	Mar.	24, 1951	-12	-
June 19	Town Clerk, Easthampton	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar.	24, 1951	-12	-
June 21	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act providing for the creation of a development and industrial commission for the city of Lowell (1951, 330)	June	19, 1951	-3	-
June 21	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pension Charles J. Sergei, a member of the police department of said city (1951, 319)	June	20, 1951	-3	-

# RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT—*Concluded*

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTED	
				Yes	No
June 25	Town Clerk, Norwood	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	June 20, 1951	-12	-
June 28	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act authorizing the conveyance of certain park land by the city of Lawrence to the Lawrence Housing Authority for veterans' housing purposes (1951, 378)	June 25, 1951	-3	-
June 28	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to increase the amount of annual pension payable to Cornelius F. Noonan (1951, 371)	June 25, 1951	-3	-
June 29	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the city of Lynn to sell certain playground land in the rear of Conomo Avenue in said city (1951, 340)	June 12, 1951	-3	-

<sup>1</sup>Accepted by the Hillcrest Water District of Leicester.

<sup>2</sup>Accepted by the mayor and city council.

<sup>3</sup>Accepted by the city council.

<sup>4</sup>Adopted by unanimous vote.

<sup>5</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.

<sup>6</sup>Accepted by the Warren Water District of Warren

<sup>7</sup>Accepted by the board of aldermen.

<sup>8</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Norfolk County.

<sup>9</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.

<sup>10</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampshire County.

<sup>11</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Bristol County.

<sup>12</sup>Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.

<sup>13</sup>Accepted by the mayor and board of aldermen.



**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**ANNUAL REPORT**

**OF THE**

**Secretary of the Commonwealth**

**OF**

**MASSACHUSETTS**

**FOR THE**

**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1952**



**EDWARD J. CRONIN**

**Secretary of the Commonwealth**

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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, July 1, 1952.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:—

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, Chapter 9, Section 17, as amended, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952. This report also includes the returns from cities and towns relative to action taken under certain provisions of the General Laws, and returns relative to the acceptance or rejection of certain Special Acts passed by the General Court, which returns were received during the fiscal year 1952.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD J. CRONIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

## LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

### 1952 SESSION OF THE GENERAL COURT

On November 1, 1951 I submitted the annual report of the State Secretary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951 in which was included a summary of the legislation affecting the administration of this office enacted during the 1951 session of the General Court, and proposed legislation for 1952.

Legislative proposals concerning the functions performed by this office were submitted by others to the General Court for consideration.

Considerable new legislation was passed during the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1952 and the first four days of July 1952 when the 1952 session was prorogued.

Without going into technical detail or quoting statutory verbiage, the new laws enacted which concern the office of the State Secretary are set forth in the following summary.

### 1952 STATUTES WITH REFERENCE TO MATTERS CONCERNING THE OFFICE OF THE STATE SECRETARY LAWS RELATING TO ELECTIONS, ENACTED IN 1952

Chapter 39. Relative to absentee ballots.

*This Act requires municipal clerks to file envelopes containing absentee ballots with election officers in each precinct within one hour after closing of polls.*

Chapter 78. Relative to the giving of information regarding the count of ballots.

*No information regarding the state of balloting shall be disclosed before the close of the polls.*

Chapter 128. Restricting the number of times the name of a candidate may appear on official ballots for a particular office.

*No name can appear more than once on a ballot as a candidate for the same office.*

Chapter 129. Relative to the distribution of pasters or stickers at polling places.

*Stickers may be distributed adjacent to polling places, or at the entrance thereof, but not in the room where polling takes place.*

Chapter 139. Providing for advancement for speedy trial of certain actions under the election laws.

*Upon motion of a party thereto, cases concerning elections shall be advanced for speedy trial.*

Chapter 204. Relative to the number of assistant city registrars in the city of Boston.

*Three (3) assistant registrars are authorized.*

*Chapter 207.* Relative to the examination and determination of election results by the Governor and Council in state elections and state-wide recounts.

*Requires governor and five councillors to open and canvas records of votes within ten days of a state election.*

*Chapter 221.* Establishing the number of signatures required for nomination to state-wide offices.

*Twenty-five hundred (2,500) certified signatures are required with not more than five hundred (500) to be credited to any one county.*

*Chapter 281.* Relative to the referendum in Plan E cities on the question of providing for the nominations for certain officers therein by preliminary election, and their election by ordinary plurality voting.

*Provides for repeal of proportional representation in Plan "E" cities which adopt this Act on referendum after petition by five per cent of registered voters.*

*Chapter 351.* Further extending the provisions of absent voting to members of the armed forces of the United States.

*Extends privilege of absentee voting to U.S. citizens serving under flag of United Nations and U.S. armed forces within or without the U.S.*

*Chapter 620.* Providing for the declaration by popular referendum in cities and towns as to whether a shortage of rental housing accommodations exists which requires the continuance of Federal rent control therein.

*(Special ballot at state primary in 1952).*

*Extends rent control to April 30, 1953 in municipalities which vote to so extend it at September 1952 primaries.*

#### LAWS RELATING TO MEDICAL EXAMINERS, ENACTED IN 1952

*Chapter 44.* Relative to the filling of vacancies in the offices of medical examiner and associate medical examiner.

*Makes term of medical examiners and their associates seven (7) years from date of appointment.*

*Chapter 122.* Placing the office of the medical examiner of the police department of the city of Boston under the civil service laws.

#### LAWS RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ENACTED IN 1952

*Chapter 97.* Relative to the record of ownership of the capital stock of a banking company by a director thereof.

*Requires a director to own stock in his own right of an aggregate value of not less than one thousand dollars.*

*Chapter 344.* Relative to the taxation of certain utility corporations.

*Defines "net income".*

#### FEES IN OFFICE OF SECRETARY, ENACTED IN 1952

*Chapter 301.* Increasing the fees for certain certificates furnished by the State Secretary.

*Fixes fees for copies certified at 75 cents for first page and 60 cents for each additional page, plus 50 cents for certification.*

*Chapter 314.* Increasing the filing fees of certain documents required to be filed by corporations.

*Increases such fees from ten to fifteen dollars per year.*

*Chapter 315.* Increasing the filing fees of certain certificates by foreign corporations.

*Increases such fees from ten to fifteen dollars per year.*



## LAWS RELATING TO PUBLIC RECORDS, ENACTED IN 1952

*Chapter 120.* Relative to the admissibility in evidence of business and public records.

*Provides for admissibility as evidence of microphotographic photo-static copies of business records or governmental records in judicial or administrative proceedings.*

*Chapter 276.* Relative to the disposal of obsolete and useless papers and records in the custody of clerks of the courts of the Commonwealth.

*Permits destruction of court records in cases finally disposed of and criminal complaints placed on file after twenty (20) years.*

## LAWS AFFECTING PUBLIC DOCUMENT DIVISION, ENACTED IN 1952

*Chapter 41, Resolves of 1952.* Resolve providing for the free distribution of the Report of the Massachusetts Youth Study.

*Authorizes free distribution by the State Secretary of the pamphlet on the placement and employment of youth, printed in 1941.*

## MISCELLANEOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

General Laws, Chapter 30, Sections 32 and 33, require department heads to file annual reports with the State Secretary and where such reports contain recommendations for legislative action they must be submitted on or before the first Wednesday of November in each year. In compliance with this requirement, I shall file with the General Court on or before November 5, 1952 a report embracing several recommendations for legislative action by the incoming legislature. These recommendations are included herein in alphabetical order, subject of course to additions if occasion is indicated for other action.

### ARCHIVES

Of the 312 bound volumes constituting the historical records of the Commonwealth but 50 have been catalogued. This has been because of the fact that sufficient personnel has not been available to my predecessors or during my tenure of office to accomplish this work. They are dead files as compared to day to day activity and yet they contain countless items of historical treasure which should be made readily available for reference. I cannot urge too strongly that an appropriation be made available to complete this work and repeat my previous recommendation that five temporary cataloguers be provided for under the budget to accomplish this purpose.

### BUREAU OF INFORMATION

A central bureau where information concerning all the agencies and the various activities of the Commonwealth is essential for the convenience of officials and the public. This office is prepared and anxious to set up such a bureau when the General Court makes funds available for the employment of two additional personnel for this convenient service to the public.

### CORPORATIONS

1. I repeat my recommendation of the two previous years that, except for the levying of taxes, the functions of state government in dealing with corporations should be entrusted to a single department and the records should be available to the public at one office. And since corporate organizations are creatures of the state and the Office of the Secretary is charged with the preservation of public records under our Constitution and our statutes and is charged with the procurement and filing of annual reports and changes in corporate structure, the repository of all information concerning domestic corporations should be the Office of the State Secretary. At the present time, copies of all certificates of condition are supplied to the Department of Corporations and Taxation. This practice should be continued. At present there are four distinct transfers of papers from one

office to the other in the organization of a domestic corporation. This is wasteful effort and occasions delays which run into weeks and months. In the interest of efficiency and economy and to assure prompt dispatch of public business, all duties relative to the organization, reorganization, records, reports, certificates of condition and the like should be transferred to the office of the State Secretary and the personnel engaged solely in corporation structure duties in the office of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation should be transferred to the Office of the Secretary. This is the current practice in the state of New York. A proposed act will be submitted to the 1953 session of the General Court.

2. During the 1952 session the filing fees of domestic and foreign corporations for certificates of condition and other filings required by law were increased from ten dollars to fifteen dollars. Because public utility corporations file under a separate statute the fees of such corporations were not increased. A proposal to bring the public utility corporations into the same bracket with all other business corporations will be presented to the 1953 session.

3. There are many thousands of corporations organized under Chapter 180 of the General Laws which include churches, religious societies, benevolent and charitable undertakings, social clubs, historical, charitable, educational, scientific and athletic organizations. For the most part it would be burdensome and serve no public interest to compel these organizations to furnish detailed annual reports to the Commonwealth.

There are, however, some corporations so organized which engage in intensive business and even in political activity. These bodies raise and expend large sums of money to influence public opinion and the course of legislative bodies. Their sources of revenue and their expenditures are properly a subject of public interest. Scores of inquiries are made at this office relative to such corporations and yet there is no record available beyond their original incorporation. Such corporations should be required to furnish an annual return showing its receipts, its officers, the salaries and disbursements paid in a fiscal year and such other information as the General Court may require. A measure to accomplish this purpose will be presented to the 1953 session of the General Court.

## OFFICE ADMINISTRATION AND EFFICIENCY

In order to insure continuance of prompt and efficient service to state departments, public officers and the general public, it is recommended that a Fourth Deputy Secretary be authorized in the Office of the State Secretary. Illness, necessity for travel on public business, vacation absences and confining assignments frequently result in there being but a single Deputy on duty on certain days with the result that the office is not covered during the lunch period. It is my considered judgment, based upon experience, that there should be two Deputies on duty at this office during all business hours and this cannot be accomplished unless an additional Deputy is authorized.

## PUBLICATIONS

### PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF STATE PUBLICATIONS

The demand upon this office for all state publications is general and constant. Such documents are in a broad sense records of the Commonwealth and should be available at the Office of the Secretary as well as at the office of the official, department, board, commission or agency having jurisdiction over the subject matter of the publication. This office should have in stock, in its document division, every publication of the Commonwealth. Knowledge as to the pending publication of all documents should be available here. All printing should be controlled by this office, as was the case from the founding of the State through 1923. To this end, the office known as the printing office in the Department of Administration should be transferred to this office. The placing of contracts and purchase of materials should remain under the control of the purchasing agent in the Department of Administration.

The public expect and demand this service from the Office of the Secretary.

Distribution should be primarily a function of this office with auxiliary distribution of particular publications by the agency concerned with the subject matter thereof.

The present law says specifically that "all publications of the Commonwealth shall be distributed under the direction of the Secretary, unless otherwise provided." (G.L. C. 5, sec. 1.)

In practice however, without specific statutory provision, a score of agencies distribute publications which are not in stock in the document room. This should be remedied for public convenience. A proposed act will be submitted to the 1952 session of the General Court.

#### SUPERVISOR OF PUBLIC RECORDS

General Laws, Chapter 9, Sections 4 and 5 direct the Secretary to appoint a supervisor of public records and authorize an expenditure of three thousand dollars a year for travel and other expenses of the supervisor. The duties of the supervisor of public records detailed in General Laws, Chapter 66 require that he "shall take necessary measures to put the records of the Commonwealth, counties, cities or towns in the custody and condition required by law and to secure their preservation." This is a grave statutory responsibility. It covers 39 cities, 312 towns, 80 district courts, 16 county clerks of courts, 21 registers of deeds and 14 registrars of probate, a total of four hundred and eighty-two installations. It clearly would require two men, the supervisor and an inspector, to make a single inspection of each installation within a year. Because of lack of personnel and insufficient appropriations for travel it has been impossible for the supervisor to visit some towns as often as once in five years. Storage facilities are excellent in about forty per cent of the installations, reasonably good in twenty per cent and from poor to very unsatisfactory in forty per cent. This office is required by statute to enforce the law and bring all installations up to standard. This cannot be done under existing conditions because of lack of personnel and the fact that no funds have been made available for necessary travel. These essential records are of primary governmental importance. A casualty can do irreparable damage unless steps are taken promptly to protect and safeguard such records in every community and county. On a minimum basis it will be necessary to have a qualified inspector and junior clerk added to the staff of the supervisor, with a travel appropriation of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) per year. An appropriation for these purposes is requested from the General Court.

#### TEXT BOOKS AND TECHNICAL REPORTS

Arbitrary restriction by statute of the number of copies of text books, case books and technical reports which the Secretary may distribute in his discretion to one hundred copies has worked out very unsatisfactorily. In some instances one hundred is not adequate to meet proper requests from governmental agencies. In other instances, one hundred is more than enough to meet the demand. In order that the Secretary may exercise a wider discretion, a proposed amendment to General Laws, chapter 5, section 8, as amended by section 3 of chapter 480 of the acts of 1945 has been prepared.

#### TRADE MARKS

The present statutes relative to trade marks are most unsatisfactory. There is no provision for abandonment, amendment, rescission or other disposition of obsolete, unused or abandoned trade marks. The files include many which should be disposed of and cleared. A statute providing a requirement for renewals after five year periods and permitting cancellation of obsolete trade marks and those not renewed will clear the records of a great many unused trade marks which now congest the files. A proposed act to accomplish this purpose will be presented to the General Court.

EDWARD J. CRONIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth*



## FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1952

Certificates . . . . .	\$ 3,764 00
Commissions . . . . .	28,431 00
Copies:	
Corporations . . . . .	\$ 7,680 00
Archives . . . . .	10,864 46
Corporations . . . . .	590,324 02
Trade Marks . . . . .	5,725 00
Limited Partnerships . . . . .	360 00
Trust Receipts . . . . .	8,032 00
Vital Statistics . . . . .	7,445 35
Military Records . . . . .	24 20
Miscellaneous . . . . .	524 21
Liens . . . . .	171 00
Advance Sheets . . . . .	2,280 00
Sale of Books . . . . .	17,567 58
Massachusetts Reports . . . . .	7,954 25
Total for year . . . . .	\$691,147 07

Financial Statement Verified

Date, August 29, 1952

By EDWIN J. TURNER, *For the Comptroller.*Approved for Publishing, RALPH E. HOUGHTON, *Acting Comptroller.*

## EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR 1952

0501-01 Secretary's Salary . . . . .	\$ 9,000 00
0501-02 Personal Service and Expenses . . . . .	315,004 29
0502-01 Archives and Photostatic Copies . . . . .	7,473 98
0502-02 Journals of the House . . . . .	750 00
0503-01 Pr. Acts and Resolves . . . . .	3,128 92 <sup>1</sup>
0503-02 Decisions of Supreme Court . . . . .	54 75 <sup>1</sup>
0503-03 Pr. Public Documents . . . . .	686 93 <sup>1</sup>
0504-01 Prim. and other Elections . . . . .	306,737 28 <sup>2</sup>
0505-01 Medical Examiners Fees . . . . .	1,301 20
Total . . . . .	\$644,137 35

Excess of Receipts over Expenditures \$47,009.72.

<sup>1</sup> These items are continuing accounts.<sup>2</sup> Includes cost of Presidential Primary.

## COMMISSIONS

The number of commissions issued during the year ending June 30, 1952 was 4,643, of which 255 were without fee and 78 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder.

The different classes were as follows:

Notaries Public . . . . .	4,132
Justices of the Peace . . . . .	189
Justices of the Peace to solemnize marriages . . . . .	10
Associate Justices, Superior Court . . . . .	2
Justices and Special Justices, District Courts . . . . .	7
Associate Judge, Land Court . . . . .	1



P.D. 46	9
Clerks, District Courts	5
Justices of the Peace to issue warrants and take bail	9
Trial Justices	4
Masters in Chancery	13
Public Administrators	10
Special State Police Officers	52
Trustees, Commissioners, etc.	154
Public Warehousemen	26
Medical Examiners	8
Associate Medical Examiners	10
Commissioners to Qualify Public Officers	9
Executive Secretary, Pro Tempore	2
	<hr/> 4,643

Certificates to the number of 9,725 were issued, of which 2,323 were for certificates for which no fees are charged. Forty-three persons reregistered as required under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 7B.

### ANNUAL REPORTS

On or before the first Wednesday of December in each fiscal year every State officer, department, board and commission which is required by law to file an annual report must deposit such report with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The only exceptions are in the few cases where some other date is provided by law for the filing of a report.

During 1951 pursuant to this requirement, the following officers, departments, boards and commissions filed annual reports on or before the first Wednesday of December 1951:—

Secretary of the Commonwealth, Division of Vital Statistics, P.D. 1—1949  
 Department of Education (Part 2) P.D. 2—1950  
 State Library—P.D. 3—1950  
 Commissioner of Banks (Section C)—P.D. 8—1950  
 Commissioner of Insurance, Life and Miscellaneous Business, 1945 (Part 2),—  
 P.D. 9  
 Commissioner of Insurance, Fire and Marine Business, 1946 (Part 2),—P.D. 9  
 Commissioner of Insurance, Life and Miscellaneous Business, 1946 (Part 2),—  
 P.D. 9  
 Attorney General, 1950—P.D. 12  
 Department of Public Welfare, 1951, P.D. 17  
 Department of Public Safety, 1951, P.D. 32  
 Department of Public Health, 1951, P.D. 34  
 Registration in Pharmacy, 1950, P.D. 39  
 Secretary of the Commonwealth, Election Statistics, 1950, P.D. 43  
 Free Public Library Commissioners, 1950, P.D. 44  
 Police Commissioner, City of Boston, 1950, P.D. 49  
 Commissioner of Veterans Services, 1950, P.D. 68  
 Bureau of Loan Agencies, 1950, P.D. 95  
 Judicial Council of Massachusetts, 1950, P.D. 144  
 Appellate Tax Board, 1951, P.D. 148  
 State Planning Board, 1951, P.D. 156  
 Division of Employment Security, Department of Labor and Industries, 1950,  
 P.D. 159  
 Division of Apprentice Training, Department of Labor and Industries, 1951  
 Division of Standards, Department of Labor and Industries, 1950  
 Division on Necessaries of Life, Department of Labor and Industries, 1950  
 Division of Statistics, Department of Labor and Industries, 1949  
 Division of Statistics, Department of Labor and Industries, 1950  
 Purchasing Bureau, Commission on Administration and Finance, 1950  
 Comptroller's Bureau, Commission on Administration and Finance, 1950  
 Massachusetts Public Building Commission, 1951

## ARCHIVES DIVISION

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952, there have been made 12 military certificates; 23 typewritten copies; 52,090 photostatic copies of legislative records, maps, plans, and corporation records; and 2,612 photostatic copies of veterans' discharges, etc.

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Section 167, as amended, providing for the filing by attorneys of their appearance before the Parole Board in behalf of persons seeking a pardon or parole, thirty-two attorneys have so filed.

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Section 152, as amended, providing for the filing by the Commissioner of Correction of certified copies of petitions for pardons, paroles and commutations of sentences, together with other documents pertaining thereto, one hundred and eleven cases have been received and filed.

Under General Laws, Chapter 264, Section 14, providing for the taking of an oath by every person entering the service of the Commonwealth and the filing of such oath in the office of the Secretary, approximately 32,300 oaths have been received and filed.

With the constantly increasing number of acquisitions to the Archives, additional space for filing and storage must be found in order that we may properly serve research workers, genealogists, historians, and the public in general.

## PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, RESPITES, REQUISITIONS, ETC.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the year was 56: of which 32 were full and complete; 1 discharge from the Danvers State Hospital; 9 under parole conditions; 13 commutations; 1 respite.

There were 72 requisitions issued upon other States; 5 upon the Secretary of the Navy of the United States; 5 upon the Chief Justice of the District Court of the United States of America; 1 upon the Secretary of Defense; 1 upon the Dominion of Canada: and 14 warrants issued upon requisitions from other States.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND AGENTS' EXPENSES

## 1951 SESSION

In compliance with General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 3, Sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relative to the filing of legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation, there were during or following the 1951 session of the General Court 314 entries made in the dockets, a decrease of 16 as compared with 1950. Returns for this session were not received until after the close of the fiscal year 1950-1951, and the reports for 1952 were not filed on June 30, 1952 because the General Court was still in session.

Returns covering 299 entries were received from persons, associations or corporations employing legislative counsel or agents. Seven employers who failed to file returns within the time prescribed by law were reported to the Attorney General.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel or agents was \$423,060. Of this amount \$77,125 represents annual salaries or retainers of regular employees, apportioned, and \$56,940 unapportioned, and \$134,065 payments in connection with legislation only. Fifteen employers stated they paid nothing.

## CORPORATION DIVISION

## 1952 REPORT

The total number of certificates filed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952 was 46,235.

Business organizations	2,866
Club organizations	324
Miscellaneous organizations	48
Business amendments, etc.	1,555
Non-business amendments	90

Business conditions (Foreign and Massachusetts)	34,830
Club reports	2,886
Trust receipts	3,104
Liens	57
Trade-marks	201
Assignments of trade-marks	26
Limited partnerships	36
Contracts of railroad and street railway companies	35
Approvals of Department of Public Utilities	36
Adoption of Act	2
Appointments of Administrator	2
Appointment of Agent (Express)	1
Foreign Power of Attorney by person or partnership	11
Certificates of Clerks of various courts relative to dissolution of corporations (covering 2,392 corporations)	12
Certificates of revival of corporations	54
Certificates of consent to change of location of non-business corporations	59
Total	46,235

Non-business charters withheld	15
Non-business applications for incorporation withdrawn	6
Non-business charters declared void	—
Non-business change of name withheld	1
Non-business change of name withdrawn	1

Certified copies of Corporation Certificates	5,216
Special certificates supplied	474

#### PROCLAMATIONS

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. For the observance of each of the following 10,500 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks:—Commodore John Barry Day, September 13, 1951; Pulaski Day, October 11, 1951; United Nations Day, October 24, 1951; Armistice Day, November 11, 1951; Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 1951; New Orleans Day, January 8, 1952; Lincoln Day, February 12, 1952; Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1952; One Hundred and Eighty-second Anniversary of the Boston Massacre, March 5, 1952; Evacuation Day, March 17, 1952; Patriots' Day, April 19, 1952; Loyalty Day, May 1, 1952; La Fayette Day, May 20, 1952; Flag Day, June 14, 1952 and Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1952. August 12, 1951 was designated as Indian Day and 6,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. For the observance of Arbor and Bird Day, April 25, 1952, 10,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 7-13, 1951 and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices. The week of November 11-17, 1951 was set apart as American Education Week and 10,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

For the observance of Herbert A. Philbrick Day, November 27, 1951 a proclamation was also issued by His Excellency the Governor, and 6,000 copies were printed and distributed to the schools and to each chartered war veterans' organization in the Commonwealth.

March 14, 1952 was set apart by His Excellency the Governor as Student Government Day, and 5,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were printed and distributed to the schools.



A proclamation was also issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press on December 13, 1951, appealing to all fellow-citizens to recognize their obligation to observe the highest degree of sober care in the use of motor vehicles during the holiday season and throughout the New Year of 1952.

Proclamations were also issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press for the following:—Independence Day, July 4, 1951; Vegetable Week, August 5–11, 1951; National Disc Jockey Week, August 20–26, 1951; Jimmy Time, August 26–September 9, 1951; Union Label Week, September 2–8, 1951; National Anthem Day, September 14, 1951; Crosscup-Pishon Day, September 16, 1951; Christian Education Week, September 30–October 7, 1951; Crusade for Freedom Month, the month of October, 1951; Movietime, New England, U.S.A., the period from October 1 to November 30, 1951; Days of Dedication, October 3–5, 1951; Newspaperboy Day, October 6, 1951; Cranberry Week, October 7–13, 1951; City of Hope Day, October 13, 1951; Massachusetts Oil Progress Week, October 14–20, 1951; Poetry Day, October 15, 1951; Blinded Veterans Good Neighbor Evening, October 16, 1951; Catholic Youth Organization Week, October 21–28, 1951; Apple Week, October 26–November 3, 1951; Flower Week, October 28–November 4, 1951; American Art Week, November 1–7, 1951; Aid Amputees Week, November 11–18, 1951; Emergency Industrial Scrap Program Day, November 16, 1951; Civil Air Patrol Week, November 25–December 1, 1951; Civil Rights Week, December 8–15, 1951; Girl Scout Anniversary Year, the year of 1952; March of Dimes Month, the month of January, 1952; Good Neighbor Day, January 1, 1952; Big Brother Week, January 6–13, 1952; Printing and Publishing Week, January 14–19, 1952; National V.F.W. Week January 24–31, 1952; Children's Dental Health Day, February 4, 1952; Negro History Week, February 10–17, 1952; National Defense Week, February 12–22, 1952; Republic of Lithuania Day, February 16, 1952; Day of Recognition and Memorial for the First Successful Revolt against the Soviets in Armenia, February 18, 1952; Brotherhood Week, February 18–24, 1952; Big Day, March 9, 1952; Ort Day, March 12, 1952; Mizrachi Week, March 16–23, 1952; Tufts Day, March 24, 1952; Greek Independence Day, March 25, 1952; World Jewish Child's Day, March 30, 1952; Boys Club Week, March 31–April 6, 1952; Pan American Day, April 14, 1952 and Pan American Week, April 13–19, 1952; Leonardo Da Vinci Day, April 15, 1952; Massachusetts State Mothers' Week, April 20–26, 1952; Massachusetts Social Hygiene Day, April 23, 1952; Eddie Cantor Blood Donor Day, April 29, 1952; Cerebral Palsy Month, the month of May, 1952; Child Health Day, May 1, 1952; Elks Youth Day, May 1, 1952; Polish Constitution Day, May 3, 1952; Humane Sunday, May 4, 1952 and Be Kind to Animals Week, May 5–10, 1952; Mental Health Week, May 4–10, 1952; National Music Week, May 4–11, 1952; International Typographical Union Week, May 5–10, 1952; Mother's Day, May 11, 1952; Girls' Club Week, May 11–17, 1952; National Hospital Day, May 12, 1952; Union Industries Week, May 17–24, 1952; Armed Forces Day, May 17, 1952; I am an American Day, May 18, 1952; National Maritime Day, May 22, 1952; Armenian Independence Day, May 28, 1952; Memorial Day, May 30, 1952; National Golf Day, May 31, 1952; June Dairy Month, the month of June, 1952 and National and International Shut-Ins Day, June 1, 1952.

#### PUBLIC DOCUMENT DIVISION

During the fiscal year 1952, the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: *Reports*: 27,390 copies of the Public Document Series, representing twenty-five reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions; *Laws*: 9,000 copies of the 1951 bound edition of the Acts and Resolves, commonly called the Blue Book; 10,050 copies of the 1951 pamphlet edition of the Acts and Resolves; 7,050 copies of the 1951 Supplement to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; 7,100 copies of the 1951 Supplement to the Laws Relating to Retirement Systems and Pensions; *Veterans Proceedings*: 1,010 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-second Annual Convention, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1950; 600 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-eighth Annual Convention, Disabled American Veterans of the World War, Department of Massachusetts, 1949; 610 copies of the



Proceedings of the Twenty-ninth Annual Convention, Disabled American Veterans of the World War, Department of Massachusetts, 1950; *Journals and Manuals*: 600 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, 1951, total, 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Volume 26, 1749-50; 10,040 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Fire Service in Cities and Towns, 1951-A edition; 2,421 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Police Service in Cities and Towns, 1952 edition; 5,000 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional examinations in the Police Service in Cities and Towns, 1952-A edition; *Massachusetts Reports*: 475 copies of Volume 326 of the Massachusetts Reports; *Miscellaneous*: 7,540 copies of A Directory of Manufacturers, 1951; 3,020 copies of the Population of Massachusetts as Determined by the Seventeenth Census of the United States, 1950; 2,000 copies of A Symposium on Essential Hypertension, an Epidemiologic Approach to the Elucidation of Its Natural History in Man; making a grand total of 94,806 copies.

The sale of the surplus volumes of Massachusetts Reports on hand, as authorized by Chapter 57 of the Resolves of 1950, commenced on January 1, 1951. Of the approximate number of copies available for sale, namely 90,000, about 19,500 were sold to the close of the fiscal year.

### PUBLIC RECORDS DIVISION

In compliance with General Laws (Ter. Ed.), Chapter 66, Section 1, the Supervisor of Public Records has visited and inspected the public records in 21 cities and 65 towns within the Commonwealth, also many county offices for the purpose of determining the custody and care given such records. Fire possibilities were discussed and many helpful suggestions were offered to the record custodians which, if followed, would eliminate the apparent fire hazards.

Many more visits should have been made during the past fiscal year but due to lack of a sufficient appropriation travel had to be curtailed. Many custodians have been inconvenienced by this and several requests for advice, information and inspections have been temporarily postponed.

#### *Standard Record Ink*

As provided by General Laws (Ter. Ed.), Chapter 66, Section 2, this department furnishes approved standard record ink for use on public records in the several departments and offices of the Commonwealth and of the counties, cities and towns, in which such records are kept. Ink supplied to the departments and offices of the Commonwealth is paid for by this department; ink supplied to the counties, cities and towns is paid for by the individual county, city or town.

Many violations of Section 4 of Chapter 66, which forbids the use on public records of other than approved standard record ink have been observed. This division has notified all offenders as to the provisions of said Section 4.

#### *Repairing and Binding*

Many recommendations for repairing and binding, the necessity for which was observed during the inspections, have been made to the proper persons. Many volumes of the Massachusetts archives have been rebound and others will be rebound subject to the amount appropriated.

#### *Carbon Paper*

A list of the brand names of approved carbon papers, the use of which is authorized by Chapter 310 of the Acts of 1950 has been prepared and is available at this office.

#### *Typewriter Ribbons*

The cumbersome list of approved typewriter ribbons has also been revised and an active list is now available wherein the approved typewriter ribbons are identified as having successfully passed the 48-hour Fade-Ometer test.

### *Stamp Pads and Stamp Pad Inks*

The list of approved brands of stamp pads and stamp pad inks has been revised during the past year and copies are available at this office. Purchasing agents and other interested persons of the various State departments, cities and towns have been supplied with copies of same.

### *Safes and Vaults*

This division has available for distribution on request specifications for the construction of fire-proof safes and vaults based on recommendations proposed by the National Fire Protection Association. All improvements to present installations must be completed according to the standards required for new construction. New vaults have been recommended in several instances to replace those that are now antiquated and many doors have been changed to the approved 6-hour type.

## REFERENDA

### INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS

There were no initiative or referendum petitions filed for the year 1951-2.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS

By General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 30, Section 37, as amended by Chapter 556 of the Acts of 1951 and Chapter 30, Section 37A, inserted by Chapter 576 of the Acts of 1951, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, and to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments, board and commissions during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952: Department of Agriculture, Department of Banking and Insurance, Department of Civil Service and Registration, Department of Conservation, Department of Education, Department of Industrial Accidents, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Utilities, Department of Public Welfare, Department of Public Works, Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, Commission on Administration and Finance, Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission, Massachusetts Commission against Discrimination, Massachusetts Public Building Commission, Metropolitan District Commission, Sergeant-at-Arms, State Racing Commission and Milk Control Board.

### MISCELLANEOUS

The two reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Election Statistics (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

EDWARD J. CRONIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

DEPARTMENTS WHICH HAVE FILED RULES AND REGULATIONS IN THE  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1952

## COMMISSION ON ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- Agricultural Experiment Station, Massachusetts State College
- Division of Livestock Disease Control
- Milk Regulation Board

## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES CONTROL COMMISSION

## APPELLATE TAX BOARD

## DIVISION OF BANKING AND INSURANCE

- Division of Loan Agencies
- Division of Co-operative Banks
- Division of Insurance

## LICENSING BOARD FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON

## DIVISION OF CIVIL SERVICE

- Board of Registration of Barbers
- Board of Registration in Chiropody (Podiatry)
- Board of Dental Examiners
- State Examiners of Electricians
- Board of Registration in Embalming and Funeral Directing
- Board of Registration in Hairdressers
- Board of Registration in Medicine
- Board of Registration in Optometry
- Board of Registration in Pharmacy
- Board of State Examiners of Plumbers
- Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine

## DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

- Division of Animal Industry
- Division of Fisheries and Game
- Division of Forestry
- Division of Marine Fisheries
- Division of Wildlife Research and Management

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## DIVISION OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

- Division of Minimum Wage
- Minimum Wage Commission
- Division of Standards and Necessaries of Life

## MASSACHUSETTS AERONAUTICS COMMISSION

- Massachusetts State Airport Management Board

## METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION

## MILK CONTROL BOARD

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

- State Fire Marshal
- Board of Boiler Rules
- State Boxing Commission
- Board of Elevator Regulations

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Bureau of Public Works Airport Management  
Registry of Motor Vehicles

## UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION COMMISSION

Board of Review, Division of Employment Security

## VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 46, Section 17, returns of births, marriages and deaths from 351 cities and towns and births and deaths from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury for the year 1951 were received, and total 102,204 births and 38,791 marriages, an increase of 5,611 births and a decrease of 2,920 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1950.

Under the provisions of the same statute, 53,572 certified copies of records of deaths were received, an increase of 2,481, compared with the returns of 1950.

Medical Examiners' returns for 1951 cover 12,021, an increase of 538, as compared with returns for 1950.

Returns by Clerks of Courts and Registers of Probate of the decrees of divorce granted during 1951 number 6,288, a decrease of 69, as compared with the returns of 1950.

From July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952, 10,103 certificates of births, 2,031 certificates of marriages and 2,532 certificates of deaths were issued, a total of 14,666 certified copies. Besides these, 5,808 were certified abstracts given the Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims without fee.

In addition to the above, 3,672 records were verified for various government agencies.

The demand for records for war, social security, aid and relief, school and other purposes still continues.

There were 53,648 requests for records during this period.

A total of \$8,373.42 was received by this Division during this fiscal period. Of this amount, \$7,330.00 was for certified copies of births, marriages and death records; \$126.50 for certifications of exact copies of records and for exemplified statements; and \$913.92 was refunded to the remitters because excessive amounts were sent in or the requested service could not be rendered. 21,834 card abstracts of birth records for school, employment, enlistment, welfare and civil service purposes were issued without charge.

There were 8,475 references of records of marriages and deaths issued without fee for welfare, old age assistance, employment and insurance purposes.

There were 6,482 delayed records of birth and corrections of birth records, 91 corrections of marriages and 86 corrections of death records.

Returns of 3,673 names changed in 1951 as decreed by the courts were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, Chapter 210, Section 12.



THE FOLLOWING ARE THE  
RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION  
TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS  
OF THE GENERAL LAWS

ALSO

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION  
OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY  
THE GENERAL COURT

PREPARED BY  
EDWARD J. CRONIN  
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## RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL LAWS

WHEN RECEIVED	CITY OR TOWN	SUBJECT AND REFERENCE	ACTION	DATE OF ACTION
1951	Bristol County	Inclusion of additional public employees within the provisions of the workmen's compensation law, 1936, 403 (G. L. 152, s. 69)	Accepted	July 3, 1951
July 11	Natick	Retirement of police and firemen in certain towns, 1946, 576, s. 6 (G. L. 32, s. 85E)	Accepted	June 5, 1951
July 11	Natick	Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks, G. L. 40, s. 7	Accepted	June 5, 1951
July 20	Revere	Registration and operation of certain bicycles, 1941, 710, s. 1 (G. L. 85, s. 11A)	Accepted	July 16, 1951
Aug. 7	Hull	Establishment of planning board, 1947, 340, s. 4 (G. L. 41, s. 81A)	Accepted	July 30, 1951
Aug. 23	Shrewsbury	Advances of vacation pay to officers and employees of cities and towns, 1945, 635, s. 3 (G. L. 44, s. 65)	Accepted	July 26, 1951
Oct. 5	Medford	Annual step-rate increases for municipal public welfare employees, 1951, 537 (G. L. 31, s. 47E)	Accepted	Oct. 2, 1951
Oct. 5	Medford	Increased annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Oct. 2, 1951
Nov. 19	North Adams	Tenement houses in cities, G. L. 144	Accepted	Oct. 2, 1951
Nov. 29	Worcester	Reserve fire forces in cities, G. L. 48, ss. 59B-59E	Accepted	Oct. 2, 1951
Nov. 30	Holyoke	Tenure of office of city and town clerks, 1950, 388 (G. L. 41, s. 19B)	Accepted	Nov. 27, 1951
Dec. 7	Holyoke	Workmen's compensation benefits for employees of the gas and electric department, 1951, 610, s. 2 (G. L. 152, s. 69, as amended)	Rejected	Nov. 6, 1951
Dec. 7	Pittsfield	Licensing of open-air parking spaces, G. L. 148, s. 56	Accepted	Dec. 19, 1951
1952	Worcester	Establishment of purchasing departments in cities, G. L. 41, s. 103	Accepted	Dec. 6, 1951
Jan. 3	Revere	Annual step-rate increases for municipal public welfare employees, 1951, 537 (G. L. 31, s. 47E)	Accepted	Dec. 27, 1951
Jan. 4	Lowell	Annual step-rate increases for municipal public welfare employees, 1951, 537 (G. L. 31, s. 47E)	Accepted	Jan. 15, 1952
Jan. 21	Fire District No. 2, South Hadley	Contributory retirement systems, G. L. 32, ss. 1-28	Accepted	Feb. 1, 1952
Feb. 29	Revere	Pay-roll deductions on account of union dues in the case of certain state, county or municipal employees, 1950, 740 (G. L. 180, s. 17A)	Accepted	Feb. 25, 1952
Mar. 20	Mansfield	Uniforms for police and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B	Accepted	Feb. 25, 1952
Mar. 20	Mansfield	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1950, 538 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Feb. 25, 1952
Mar. 25	Attleboro	Tenure of office for city and town clerks, 1950, 388 (G. L. 41, s. 19B)	Accepted	Nov. 6, 1951
Mar. 25	Attleboro	Five day week for members of the police forces in certain cities and towns, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C)	Accepted	Nov. 6, 1951
Mar. 26	Easthampton	Tenure of office for city and town clerks, 1950, 388 (G. L. 41, s. 19B)	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1952
Mar. 26	Easthampton	Five day week for members of the police forces in certain cities and towns, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C)	Accepted	Mar. 22, 1952
Mar. 26	Easthampton	Temporary minor repairs on private ways in certain cases in cities and towns, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C)	Accepted	Mar. 22, 1952
Mar. 28	Weymouth	No loss of pay or vacation to certain state and municipal employees in militia, organized reserve of the Army of the United States or of the United States Naval Reserve Forces, 1939, 425, s. 1 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1952
Mar. 31	Falmouth	Seventy hour week for permanent members of fire departments, 1941, 638 (G. L. 48, s. 58A)	Accepted	Feb. 19, 1952
Mar. 31	Brockton	Increased annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Jan. 11, 1951
Apr. 2	Framingham	Uniforms for police and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B	Accepted	Mar. 25, 1952
Apr. 2	Framingham	Increased annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, 1948, 552 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Mar. 25, 1952

Apr. 2	Norwood	Pay-roll deductions on account of union dues in the case of certain state, county or municipal employees, 1950, 740 (G. L. 180, s. 17A)	Accepted	Mar. 27, 1952
Apr. 2	Rockland	Five day week for members of the police forces in certain cities and towns, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C)	Accepted	Mar. 3, 1952
Apr. 8	Deerfield	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, ss. 1-3	Accepted	Dec. 19, 1951
Apr. 10	Natick	Removal of snow and ice from private ways, 1943, 225 (G. L. 40, s. 6C)	Accepted	Mar. 3, 1952
Apr. 11	North Adams	Licensing of open-air parking spaces, G. L. 148, s. 56	Accepted	Mar. 8, 1952
Apr. 18	Somerville	Annual step-rate increases for municipal public welfare employees, 1951, 537 (G. L. 31, s. 47E)	Accepted	Apr. 8, 1952
Apr. 18	Worcester	Advances of vacation pay to officers and employees of cities and towns, 1945, 635, s. 3, (G. L. 44, s. 65)	Accepted	Apr. 15, 1952
Apr. 18	Ware	Five day week for members of the police forces in certain cities and towns, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C)	Accepted	Feb. 11, 1952
Apr. 18	Ware	Workmen's compensation insurance for laborers, workmen and mechanics, G. L. 152, s. 69, as amended	Accepted	Feb. 11, 1952
Apr. 18	Framingham	Tenure of office for city and town clerks, 1950, 338 (G. L. 41, s. 19B)	Accepted	Mar. 3, 1952
Apr. 18	Worcester	Five day week for members of the police forces in certain cities and towns, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C)	Accepted	Jan. 3, 1952
Apr. 29	Braintree	Increased annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, 1950, 757 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Apr. 21, 1952
Apr. 29	Braintree	Absent voting at regular city and town elections, G. L. 54, s. 103A, as amended	Accepted	Apr. 21, 1952
May 12	Spencer	Establishment of a reserve police force in towns, G. L. 147, s. 13A	Accepted	May 7, 1952
May 12	Webster	Sick leaves for laborers, workmen and mechanics regularly employed by certain cities and towns, G. L. 41, s. 111B, as amended	Accepted	May 6, 1952
May 20	Amesbury	Five day week for members of the police forces in certain cities and towns, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C)	Accepted	Mar. 4, 1952
May 28	New Bedford	Licensing of open-air parking spaces, G. L. 148, s. 56	Accepted	May 4, 1952
May 29	Huntington	Establishment of regional school district, 1949, 638, s. 1 (G. L. 71, ss. 16-16D)	Accepted	May 27, 1952
June 2	North Adams	Five day week for members of the police forces in certain cities and towns, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C)	Accepted	May 26, 1952
June 4	Marlborough	Five day week for members of the police forces in certain cities and towns, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C)	Accepted	May 27, 1952
June 5	Marlborough	Granting of awards to municipal employees, 1952, 118 (G. L. 40, s. 5, clause (43))	Accepted	May 18, 1952
June 5	Brockton	Five day week for members of the police forces in certain cities and towns, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C)	Accepted	June 3, 1952
June 5	Holyoke	Five day week for members of the police forces in certain cities and towns, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C)	Accepted	May 29, 1952
June 26	Holyoke	Five day week for members of the police forces in certain cities and towns, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C)	Accepted	June 17, 1952

# RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1951					
July 12	City Clerk, Boston	An Act codifying the laws relating to the permanent school pension fund in the city of Boston and equalizing pensions thereunder (1951, 468)	July 10, 1951	-1	-
July 16	City Clerk, Fall River	An Act providing for a five day week for members of the police forces in certain cities and towns (1951, 348)	July 12, 1951	-1	-
July 26	Town Clerk, Manchester	An Act authorizing the town of Manchester to borrow money for school purposes (1951, 348)	July 23, 1951	369	316
Aug. 9	City Clerk, Medford	An Act authorizing the city of Medford to appropriate and pay a sum of money to Richard Rousay (1951, 449)	Aug. 7, 1951	-2	-
Aug. 9	City Clerk, Medford	An Act authorizing the city of Medford to appropriate and pay a sum of money to Dora A. Nicoll, administratrix of the estate of Oliver C. Nicoll (1951, 450)	Aug. 7, 1951	-2	-
Aug. 9	Assistant City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to pay an annuity to the widow of Benjamin Herman, a former member of the police department of said city (1951, 372)	Aug. 6, 1951	-2	-
Aug. 9	Assistant City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to pay an annuity to the widow of William B. Deedy, a former member of the police department of said city (1951, 463)	Aug. 6, 1951	-2	-
Aug. 23	Town Clerk, Shrewsbury	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Mar. 26, 1951	-2	-
Aug. 23	Assistant City Clerk, Lowell	An Act relative to the experts and other employees of the development and industrial commission for the city of Lowell (1951, 587)	Aug. 21, 1951	-2	-
Sept. 17	Assistant City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to pay an additional four dollars to all election precinct workers employed at the last biennial state election (1951, 454)	Sept. 11, 1951	-2	-
Sept. 18	City Clerk, Newton	An Act relative to the retirement system of the city of Newton (1951, 614)	Sept. 6, 1951	-2	-
Sept. 19	City Clerk, Boston	An Act increasing the compensation of the members of the police department of the city of Boston (1951, 665)	Sept. 18, 1951	-2	114
Sept. 25	Town Clerk, Auburn	An Act authorizing towns to withdraw from school superintendency unions (1951, 643)	Sept. 12, 1951	-	0
Sept. 27	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to sell for housing purposes certain land acquired for water supply purposes (1951, 255)	Sept. 24, 1951	-2	-
Oct. 16	Town Clerk, Saugus	An Act changing the method of electing selectmen and members of the school committee under the town manager form of government in the town of Saugus (1951, 79)	Oct. 8, 1951	1,299	548
Oct. 17	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act authorizing the city of Lawrence to pay a pension to John O'Leary, a former employee of the engineering department of said city (1951, 711)	Oct. 15, 1951	-1	-
Oct. 26	Clerk, Hampden County	An Act providing for a third assistant clerk in the district court of Springfield (1951, 541)	Oct. 24, 1951	-5	-
Nov. 1	Commissioners	An Act authorizing the transfer of certain parcels of land on Tremont Street in the Roxbury district of the city of Boston from the public welfare and park departments, respectively, to the public buildings department of said city (1951, 728)	Oct. 30, 1951	-1	-
Nov. 2	Town Clerk, Framingham	An Act relative to the taking effect of an act passed in the current year to include the town of Framingham within the South Metropolitan Sewerage District (1951, 707)	Oct. 30, 1951	-2	-



Nov. 19	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act relative to the hours of duty of permanent members of the fire department in the city of Pittsfield (1951, 168)	Nov.	6, 1951	6,836	2,207
Nov. 19	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act increasing the salaries of the members of the council of the city of Pittsfield (1951, 685)	Nov.	6, 1951	2,745	5,489
Nov. 19	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act increasing the salary of the mayor of the city of Pittsfield (1951, 679)	Nov.	6, 1951	3,008	5,211
Nov. 23	City Clerk, Melrose	An Act authorizing the city of Melrose to retire and pension Fred A. Young (1951, 754)	Nov.	21, 1951	-4	-
Nov. 29	City Clerk, Revere	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the present incumbent of the office of dog officer in the city of Revere and relative to certain powers and duties of dog officers (1951, 777)	Nov.	19, 1951	-2	-
Dec. 6	Clerk, Gilbertville Water District, Gilbertville	An Act to establish the Gilbertville Water District in the town of Hardwick (1949, 414)	July	6, 1949	51	0
Dec. 7	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	Dec.	18, 1951	-6	-
Dec. 17	Chairman, Middlesex County Commissioner, East Cambridge	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	Dec.	14, 1951	-7	-
Dec. 18	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act relative to the retirement of certain police officers of the city of New Bedford (1951, 695)	Dec.	18, 1951	-1	-
Dec. 21	City Clerk, Brockton	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	Dec.	14, 1951	-1	-
1952						
Jan. 3	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	Dec.	31, 1951	-2	-
Jan. 16	City Clerk, New Bedford	Same act as above (1951, 781)	Jan.	15, 1952	-1	-
Feb. 13	Chairman, Middlesex County Commissioners, East Cambridge	Same act as above (1951, 781)	Feb.	12, 1952	-7	-
Feb. 14	City Clerk, Lowell	Same act as above (1951, 781)	Feb.	12, 1952	-2	-
Feb. 14	Clerk, Bristol County	Same act as above (1951, 781)	Feb.	12, 1952	-8	-
Feb. 15	Commissioners, Taunton	Same act as above (1951, 781)	Jan.	21, 1952	-3	-
Feb. 15	Town Clerk, Saugus	An Act further regulating the work hours of employees of the town of Saugus (1951, 318)	Jan.	21, 1952	-3	-
Feb. 15	Town Clerk, Saugus	An Act providing for the holding of biennial town elections in the town of Saugus in odd-numbered years and establishing the date of said elections (1951, 606)	Jan.	21, 1952	-3	-
Feb. 15	Clerk, Boylston Water District, Boylston	An Act establishing the Boylston Water District in the town of Boylston (1951, 421)	Sept.	20, 1951	80	5
Feb. 18	City Clerk, Fall River	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	Feb.	15, 1952	-1	-
Feb. 25	City Clerk, Melrose	Same act as above (1951, 781)	Feb.	20, 1952	-1	-
Feb. 28	City Clerk, Cambridge	Same act as above (1951, 781)	Feb.	25, 1952	-2	-
Feb. 29	Clerk, Franklin County Commissioners, Greenfield	Same act as above (1951, 781)	Feb.	26, 1952	-9	-
Feb. 29	Town Clerk, Arlington	An Act authorizing the town of Arlington to retire and pay a pension to Clarence Needham (1951, 477)	Feb.	18, 1952	-10	-

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1952					
Mar. 12	Town Clerk, Marshfield	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of police of the town of Marshfield under the civil service laws (1952, 19)	Mar. 8, 1952	772	533
Mar. 17	Chairman, Hampshire County Commissioners, Northampton	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)			
Mar. 18	Town Clerk, Berlin	Same act as above (1951, 781)	Mar. 14, 1952	-11	-
Mar. 18	Town Clerk, Hamilton	Same act as above (1951, 781)	Mar. 10, 1952	-3	-
Mar. 18	Town Clerk, Marblehead	Same act as above (1951, 781)	Mar. 3, 1952	-12	-
Mar. 20	Town Clerk, Milton	Same act as above (1951, 781)	Mar. 10, 1952	-3	-
Mar. 24	Town Clerk, Kingston	Same act as above (1951, 781)	Mar. 8, 1952	-3	-
		An Act authorizing certain changes in the uses of the fund established for the support of a Congregational Minister in the town of Kingston and relative to the duties of the treasurer and trustees of said fund (1951, 484)			
Mar. 24	City Clerk, Boston	An Act placing the office of the medical examiner of the police department of the city of Boston under the civil service laws (1952, 122)	Mar. 15, 1952	-12	-
Mar. 28	Town Clerk, Weymouth	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	Mar. 18, 1952	-1	-
Mar. 28	Town Clerk, Weymouth	An Act authorizing the town of Weymouth to use certain land now held for playground purposes for school purposes (1952, 18)	Mar. 7, 1952	-12	-
Mar. 28	Secretary, Norfolk County Commissioners, Dedham	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	Mar. 7, 1952	-12	-
Mar. 31	City Clerk, Revere	Same act as above (1951, 781)	Mar. 25, 1952	-13	-
Apr. 1	Town Clerk, Shrewsbury	Same act as above (1951, 781)	Mar. 24, 1952	-2	-
Apr. 2	Town Clerk, Framingham	Same act as above (1951, 781)	Mar. 17, 1952	-12	-
Apr. 2	Town Clerk, Norwood	Same act as above (1951, 781)	Mar. 25, 1952	-12	-
Apr. 2	Town Clerk, Rockland	Same act as above (1951, 781)	Mar. 27, 1952	-12	-
Apr. 8	Town Clerk, Watertown	Same act as above (1951, 781)	Mar. 3, 1952	-12	-
Apr. 8	Town Clerk, Watertown	Same act as above (1951, 781)	Mar. 24, 1952	-12	-
		An Act authorizing the inhabitants of the town of Watertown to sell the Town Infirmary and certain land adjacent thereto (1952, 13)			
Apr. 8	Town Clerk, Watertown	An Act authorizing the inhabitants of the town of Watertown to construct and maintain a parking lot on certain land now used for a town dump (1952, 17)	Mar. 31, 1952	-12	-
Apr. 8	Town Clerk, Deerfield	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of police of the town of Deerfield under the civil service laws (1952, 48)	Mar. 31, 1952	-12	-
Apr. 11	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act authorizing the Dalton Fire District to acquire additional water supply (1951, 787)	Mar. 3, 1952	460	565
Apr. 18	Assistant City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to appropriate money for the sanding of private ways open to public use in certain cases (1952, 62)	Apr. 8, 1952	-1	-
Apr. 18	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	Apr. 15, 1952	-2	-
			Mar. 24, 1952	-2	-

Apr. 18	Town Clerk, Ware . . . . .	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	Feb.	11, 1952	-3
Apr. 18	Town Clerk, Ware . . . . .	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the Commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	Feb.	11, 1952	-3
Apr. 21	Town Clerk, Hamilton . . . . .	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	Mar.	3, 1952	-12
Apr. 23	City Clerk, Brockton . . . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Brockton to pay an annuity to the widow of George E. Wilber (1951, 180)	Apr.	18, 1952	-1
Apr. 25	Assistant City Clerk, Worcester . . . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to sell a certain parcel of land on Holden Street in said city (1951, 226)	Apr.	22, 1952	-2
Apr. 29	Town Clerk, Braintree . . . . .	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	Apr.	21, 1952	-3
Apr. 29	Town Clerk, Braintree . . . . .	An Act relative to the tenure of office of members of the fire department and fire alarm department of the town of Braintree (1951, 227)	Apr.	21, 1952	-3
May 7	City Clerk, Boston . . . . .	An Act providing for the recognition of certain janitorial services rendered in the Boston Public Schools as creditable service under certain retirement systems (1952, 267)	May	6, 1952	-1
May 9	City Clerk, Holyoke . . . . .	An Act authorizing the restoration of a certain person to the eligible list for police officers in the city of Holyoke (1952, 240)	May	6, 1952	-6
May 12	Town Clerk, Spencer . . . . .	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	May	7, 1952	-3
May 20	Town Clerk, Amesbury . . . . .	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	Mar.	3, 1952	-3
May 21	Town Clerk, Hull . . . . .	Same act as above (1951, 781)	May	19, 1952	-3
May 26	Town Clerk, Shrewsbury . . . . .	Same act as above (1951, 781)	Mar.	17, 1952	-3
May 26	City Clerk, Lynn . . . . .	An Act placing the incumbent of the position of assistant epidemiologist in the health department of the city of Lynn under civil service laws and rules (1952, 206)	May	21, 1952	-1
June 2	Assistant City Clerk, Worcester . . . . .	An Act relative to the borrowing of money by the city of Worcester for the purpose of constructing a municipal airport (1952, 365)	May	27, 1952	-2
June 5	City Clerk, Boston . . . . .	An Act requiring owners of tenement and apartment houses in the city of Boston to provide and maintain therefor suitable receptacles for ashes, garbage, refuse and other like matter (1952, 264)	June	3, 1952	-1
June 6	Assistant City Clerk, Worcester . . . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to appropriate and pay a sum of money to certain persons doing business under the name of B. N. T. Sand & Gravel Company of Worcester (1952, 225)	June	3, 1952	-2
June 6	Assistant City Clerk, Worcester . . . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to reinstate Thomas F. Manning for the sole purpose of retirement (1952, 298)	June	3, 1952	-2
June 9	City Clerk, Boston . . . . .	An Act relative to membership in the State-Boston Retirement System (1952, 379)	June	6, 1952	-1
June 10	City Clerk, Holyoke . . . . .	An Act authorizing the restoration of a certain person to the eligible list for police officers in the city of Holyoke (1952, 240)	May	6, 1952	-6
June 12	City Clerk, Boston . . . . .	An Act providing that the city council of the city of Boston may, with the approval of the mayor, fix certain salaries (1952, 212)	June	11, 1952	-1

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WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1952					
June 18	Town Clerk, Westwood	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	June 9, 1952	-13	-
June 20	City Clerk, Revere	An Act abolishing the board of registrars of voters of the city of Revere, and establishing a board of election commissioners and defining its powers and duties (1952, 424)	June 16, 1952	-2	-
June 25	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to use a portion of Boston Common for the purpose of widening Beacon Street in said city (1952, 183)	June 24, 1952	-1	-

<sup>1</sup>Accepted by the mayor and city council.

<sup>2</sup>Accepted by the city council.

<sup>3</sup>Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.

<sup>4</sup>Accepted by the mayor and board of aldermen.

<sup>5</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampden County.

<sup>6</sup>Accepted by the board of aldermen.

<sup>7</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.

<sup>8</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Bristol County.

<sup>9</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Franklin County.

<sup>10</sup>Accepted by the board of selectmen.

<sup>11</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampshire County.

<sup>12</sup>Adopted by unanimous vote.

<sup>13</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Norfolk County



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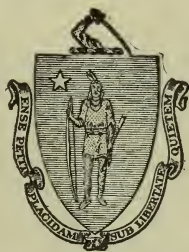
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Secretary of the Commonwealth

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, July 1, 1953.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:—

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, Chapter 9, Section 17, as amended, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953. This report also includes the returns from cities and towns relative to action taken under certain provisions of the General Laws, and returns relative to the acceptance or rejection of certain Special Acts passed by the General Court, which returns were received during the fiscal year 1953.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD J. CRONIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

## LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

### 1953 SESSION OF THE GENERAL COURT

In previous reports I have included a brief summary of such legislation as was enacted during the next prior session of the General Court which was of particular application or interest to the administration of the office of the State Secretary.

During the 1953 session of the General Court there were several measures enacted which are of such general interest and a brief abstract of the same is contained in the following summary.

### 1953 STATUTES RELATIVE TO MATTERS OF CONCERN TO

#### THE OFFICE OF THE STATE SECRETARY

#### LAWS RELATIVE TO ELECTIONS

- Chapter 1. Restricting the number of times the name of a candidate may appear on official ballots for a particular office.

*The name of any person shall not be printed on the official ballot or on ballot labels more than once as a candidate for the same office nor more than once for any office wherein a full term and a partial term are to be filled.*

- Chapter 26. Relative to the placing of acceptances of nominations on nomination papers and the filing of same.

*Wherever the written acceptance of a candidate upon a nomination paper or a signature and place of residence of the person filing the same is required by law, it shall be sufficient if such acceptance or signature and place of residence is placed upon one nomination paper only.*

- Chapter 44. Providing for the administration of the oath of office to town and district moderators.

*Moderators shall be sworn by the town clerk and all other officers by the moderator or clerk.*

- Chapter 212. Relative to the contents of and the arrangement of names on ballots. (Municipal Offices)

*Under the designation of the office, the names of the candidates for re-election to any office to be filled for a city or town office of which they are the elected incumbents shall, except in places where voting machines are used, be placed first on the ballot in alphabetical order according to their surnames, except as city charters otherwise provide*

in the case of municipal offices; and the names of candidates for different terms of service in the same office shall be arranged in groups according to the length of their respective terms, and the names of candidates nominated by single wards but to be voted for at large, shall be arranged in groups by wards.

*Chapter 406.* Providing for state conventions of political parties for the endorsement for nomination of candidates for offices to be filled by all the voters of the commonwealth.

*This statute restores to our election laws provisions for holding pre-primary conventions of political parties. A detailed abstract of the act would require too much space for inclusion in this report. Briefly such conventions are not mandatory but may be held at the option of the state committee of each recognized political party. Delegates are to be chosen by town and ward committees, not by primary elections. Candidates for state-wide office are to be endorsed at conventions and their names are to be placed first on primary election ballots with such endorsement indicated on the ballot. Except for this ballot change this office must prepare and arrange primary ballots in accordance with existing law as in the past. The act sets out procedure in the nomination of delegates and for the conduct and recording of the proceedings of conventions.*

*Chapter 432.* Relative to the contents of and the arrangement of names on ballots. (In Municipal Elections)

*Under the designation of the office, the names of candidates for each municipal elective office shall, except as city charters otherwise provide, be arranged alphabetically according to their surnames, except that names of candidates for re-election to any such office of which they are the elected incumbents shall, except as provided in section thirty-three in places where voting machines are used, be placed first on the ballot in alphabetical order.*

#### LAWS RELATING TO CORPORATIONS, ENACTED IN 1953

*Chapter 31.* Relative to the revival of corporations.

*This act covers a subject matter which up to now required special legislation in each instance where revival was necessary or advisable. It allows the commissioner of corporations to revive corporate charters within five years of dissolution, and where the sole purpose is the conveyance of real estate, at any time, by filing a certificate of revival with the State Secretary.*

*Chapter 282.* Relative to the fees paid for filing certain reports of certain miscellaneous corporations filed in the office of the State Secretary.

*This brings certain public utility corporations into the same category as domestic and foreign business corporations in filing certificates with the State Secretary and makes the fifteen dollar filing fee uniform for all such filings.*

*Chapter 283.* Relative to the fees paid for filing certain reports of gas and electric companies filed in the office of the State Secretary.

*This act accomplishes the same purpose as does the next prior chapter, Chapter 282.*

#### LAWS RELATIVE TO RECORDS OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY COLONY

*Chapter 446.* Relative to the purchase by the commonwealth of certain copies of the house journals from 1715 to 1780.

*Whenever the journals of the house of representatives of Massachusetts Bay from seventeen hundred and fifteen to seventeen hundred*

*and eighty, inclusive, in volumes each covering one year or more, shall be reprinted accurately by the Massachusetts Historical Society, in the manner and form of volume one, seventeen hundred and fifteen to seventeen hundred and seventeen, inclusive, now in the press, and approved by the secretary of the commonwealth, the secretary shall purchase from the society three hundred copies of the said journals at a price not exceeding seven dollars and fifty cents a volume, but in no year shall there be expended more than twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars; provided, that if the copies are plated, the plates shall be subject to the use of the commonwealth.*

*(Each such purchase is, of course dependent upon the appropriation of funds for such purpose by the General Court.)*

## LAWS RELATIVE TO HOUSING AUTHORITIES

*Chapter 500.* Designating Housing Authorities as political subdivisions of the commonwealth for certain purposes.

*This act adds housing authorities as political subdivisions for the purpose of furnishing emergency relief under the Civil Defense Act (c. 639 of the Acts of 1950)*

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Each department head is required by General Laws, Chapter 31, Sections 32 and 33, to file an annual report with the State Secretary. Whenever such reports contain recommendations for legislation, they must be filed on or before the first Wednesday of November in each calendar year. Such reports are transmitted by this department to the Clerk of the House of Representatives on the first Wednesday of November. This office is likewise required to submit to the General Court such recommendations as include prospective legislation. In compliance, I shall file with the Clerk of the House of Representatives on or before November 4, 1953 a report covering certain recommendations for legislative action either by statute or appropriation. At the moment of this report, the following items will be proposed to the 1953 session of the General Court.

## ARCHIVES

Less than one sixth of the 312 bound volumes which constitute the historical record of this Commonwealth have been indexed. Current business does not allow the staff now employed to complete this work which is confining and exacting. There has not been sufficient personnel in the Archives Division to undertake this task during the administration of my predecessor nor during my terms of office. These records contain a wealth of items of great historical value which should be made readily available to the public for study and likewise for citation by public officials. I urge that an appropriation of sufficient funds to engage the services of five temporary cataloguers be made available for this purpose.

## BUREAU OF INFORMATION

The general public believes this office to be a central bureau of information on the affairs of the Commonwealth. By personal call, telephone, and correspondence scores of inquiries come to the office during each business week. Much correspondence and interdepartmental communication results. Clearly there should be a clearing house of such information as is concerned with the affairs of the state. This office is the natural place for such a bureau. Upon a prior recommendation the legislature determined that no legislation is necessary. This office is ready, willing, and anxious to set up such a bureau, and it is respectfully requested that an appropriation be made of about \$5,000 to employ two clerks, one senior and one junior, to set up a bureau of information in this department.



### CLERICAL POOL

The Division of Personnel and Standardization in cooperation with the Ways and Means Committees of both branches has fixed the number of clerical employees in each department based upon experience and the recommendations of the heads of each department. This results in a reasonably fair distribution of personnel to meet the ordinary and regular requirements of each department. There are other factors which enter into the problems which confront department heads in keeping their work and records current. New statutes which require additional work, turnovers in personnel, unusual demands in specific fields, increases in volume of business and protracted absences due to illness, frequently disrupt efficient operations in many departments for weeks or months at a time. Protracted absences on account of illness among long-service key personnel who have much accumulated sick leave are perhaps the largest single factor. This situation makes for confusion and delay. It cannot well be remedied within a single department. One over-all agency could supply the needs of all departments in such emergencies. It is therefore recommended that a clerical pool be established in the Department of Civil Service and Registration with an appropriation to that department to pay the salaries of such personnel who may be assigned from time to time by the director to the various departments on requisition. A pool of ten stenographers and typists and ten typists and clerks would suffice for this all over purpose.

### CORPORATIONS

1. During the 1953 legislative session the filing fees of public utility corporations for annual certificates of condition were increased from ten to fifteen dollars. Inasmuch as filing fees of domestic and foreign corporations for certificates of condition were increased to fifteen dollars during the 1952 session, the increase during the last session, affecting public utility corporations rendered uniform the fee schedule for the filing of all certificates of condition.

2. Thousands of corporations organized under Chapter 180 of our general laws such as charitable, social and athletic groups are required to file annual returns either with this office or other state agencies.

Certain other corporations so organized such as churches, religious bodies benevolent, historical and scientific groups do not file reports and for the most part it would be an unwarranted burden and serve no public interest to require such organizations to file annual reports.

However, certain other corporations organized under Chapter 180 of our General Laws, which engage intensively in business and even political activities, are constantly the legitimate object of scores of inquiries at this office by the general public, the press and public officials seeking information relative to the financial status of such corporations and the identity of the individuals responsible for the operation of such corporate organizations. Under the present law no informative return is required to be filed annually with this office by such corporations who are operating under the charter of the Commonwealth. The only information filed is the original incorporation documents, which in many cases, have been filed so many years past that the individuals originally associated with the particular corporation have long since terminated their association.

Such incorporated organizations raise and expend great sums of money each year to influence public opinion and the course of legislative bodies. Their sources of revenue and the purposes and extent of their expenditures are as properly a subject of public interest as are the activities of thousands of general business organizations, large and small, newspaper corporations, public utility groups and charitable endeavors which are required to file annual information returns. Each such Chapter 180 corporation should be required to furnish an annual return showing its receipts, its officers, the salaries and disbursements paid in a fiscal year and such other information as the General Court may require. A proposal to accomplish this purpose will be presented to the 1954 session of the General Court.



## OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

For the assurance of continuous efficient service to the public and more especially to the Legislature and the various departments of the State Government it is necessary that at least one Deputy be on duty at this office during the entire business day when the State House is open for business. It is the policy of the department that two Deputies be on duty at the State House each business day in order that there may be no period when prompt service cannot be afforded. Illness, emergency travel on public business, necessary consultations with Municipal Officials and vacation absences frequently result in the presence of but a single Deputy in this office. For this reason it is recommended that a fourth Deputy Secretary be authorized. This Deputy need not be a new official but can be a department head assigned to additional duty with additional compensation commensurate with his increased responsibility.

## PUBLICATIONS

## PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF STATE PUBLICATIONS

The present law says specifically that "all publications of the Commonwealth shall be distributed under the direction of the Secretary, unless otherwise provided." (G. L. C. 5, sec. 1.)

In practice, however, and frequently without specific statutory provision, a score of agencies distribute publications which are not in stock in the document room. This should be remedied for public convenience.

Distribution should be primarily a function of this office with auxiliary distribution of particular publications by the agency concerned with the subject matter thereof.

Demands upon this office for all state publications are constant. Such documents are in a broad sense records of the Commonwealth and should be available at the Office of the Secretary as well as at the office of the official, department, board, commission or agency having jurisdiction over the subject matter of the publication. This office should have in stock, in its document division, every publication of the Commonwealth. Knowledge as to the pending publication of all documents should be available here. All printing should be controlled by this office, as was the case from the founding of the State through 1923. To this end, the office known as the printing office in the Department of Administration should be transferred to this office. The placing of contracts and purchase of materials should remain under the control of the purchasing agent in the Department of Administration.

The public expect and demand this service from the Office of the Secretary.

A proposed act to accomplish this purpose will be presented to the 1953 session of the General Court.

## SUPERVISOR OF PUBLIC RECORDS

The preparation, storage and protection of public records is a very important function in government. The history of a people is recorded in such records. Precedents and experience, often reflecting years of study and effort, are recorded in such records. Their preservation and availability to the present and the future citizens of a governmental unit are of vital importance in any well ordered sovereign state or political subdivision.

This principle has been recognized in the statutes of our commonwealth. Since 1919 the supervision of public records has been a responsibility of the State Secretary. General Laws Chapter 9 Section 4 requires the Secretary to name a Supervisor of Public Records. Chapter 9 Section 5 authorizes the Secretary to expend not more than three thousand dollars annually for the travel, clerical and other necessary expense of the supervisor. In 1919 three thousand dollars was adequate for travel, clerical assistance and incidental expense. This provision of statute has not been honored for a score of years. Session after session of the legislature has adjourned with no appropriation for clerical services and little if any provision

for travel funds. Yet the basic statute survives and General Laws Chapter 66 which defines in detail duties of the supervisor has been frequently amended to expand the responsibility and increase the duties of the supervisor.

The duties are grave and important. The records of every municipality, county and court are involved as are conveyances of real estate and the probate of estates. In all four hundred and eighty-two (482) governmental units come within the sphere of the responsibility of the supervisor. Each should be inspected annually and more frequently if occasion demands it.

With little travel expense allowed and no clerical assistance authorized the supervisor is unable to perform his statutory obligations. To do this on a minimal basis an inspector and a clerk should be authorized plus travel expense of not less than fifteen hundred dollars per year for the travel of the supervisor and an inspector. An appropriation of not less than nine thousand dollars per year will be necessary to make this important office effective in its essential field. Such an appropriation will be requested at the session of 1954.

#### TEXT BOOKS AND TECHNICAL REPORTS

The restriction by statute of the number of copies of text books, case books and technical reports which the Secretary may distribute in his discretion to one hundred copies has worked out very unsatisfactorily. In some instances one hundred is not adequate to meet proper requests from governmental agencies. In other instances, one hundred is more than enough to meet the demand. In order that the Secretary may exercise a wider discretion, a proposed amendment to General Laws, chapter 5, section 8, as amended by section 3 of chapter 480 of the acts of 1945 has been prepared and will be submitted to the 1953 session of the General Court.

#### TRADE MARKS

Experience over the years with the administration of our present trade mark statutes indicates the compelling need for suitable amendments thereto providing for abandonment, amendment rescission or other disposition of demonstrated obsolete, unused or abandoned trade marks. The trade mark files include many which long ago ceased to be active. Other state jurisdictions and the Federal government have provisions in their trade mark laws providing for the disposition of inactive and abandoned trade marks by suitable periodic renewal requirements.

A statute providing a requirement for renewals after twenty year periods and permitting cancellation of obsolete trade marks and those not renewed will clear the active record files of a great many unused trade marks which now congest the files and hamper orderly trade mark registration procedure. Such a statutory provision will make our Massachusetts trade mark laws harmoniously consistent with the Federal statutes and most other State trade mark laws.

EDWARD J. CRONIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

# REPORT OF ACTIVITIES IN DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1953

## ACCOUNTS FINANCES OF DEPARTMENT

The subjoined summary sets forth the receipts and expenditures of the Department of the State Secretary for the Fiscal Year 1952-1953. It is worthy of note that the receipts exceed the expenditures by \$271,878.08. Revenues of this office have been materially increased by the fees established by the last two sessions of the General Court (1952 and 1953). Under existing law it is safe to estimate that in most years (three of each four) the excess of receipts over expenditures will be greater than those of the current fiscal year which includes the additional election expense of the quadrennial presidential election of 1952. Prior to the fee increase, expenses usually exceeded receipts in election years. This is one of very few self-sustaining departments.

August 27, 1953.

*To the Secretary of the Commonwealth:—*

The following table shows in detail receipts from fees, etc. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, all of which were paid into the Treasury daily and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council as required by General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 9, section 1.

Commissions . . . . .	\$ 32,196 00
Corporations . . . . .	796,968 09
Limited Partnerships . . . . .	460 00
Trade Marks . . . . .	7,950 00
Sale of Books . . . . .	30,692 13
Certificates . . . . .	3,712 50
Military Records . . . . .	20 35
Copies—Archives . . . . .	\$ 3,784 75
Corporations . . . . .	<u>14,956 00</u>
Advance Sheets . . . . .	18,740 75
Vital Statistics . . . . .	2,715 00
Trust Receipts . . . . .	7,516 75
Liens . . . . .	9,099 00
Miscellaneous . . . . .	195 00
	<u>338 99</u>
	<b>\$910,604 56</b>

Financial Statement Verified

Date, August 27, 1953

By JOSEPH A. PRENNEY, *For the Comptroller.*

Approved for Publishing, RALPH E. HOUGHTON, *Acting Comptroller.*

## EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR 1953

0501-01	Secretary's Salary	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$ 9,000 00
0501-02	Personal Services and Expenses	.	.	.	.	.	.	341,046 83
0502-01	Archives and Photostatic Copies	.	.	.	.	.	.	5,317 80
0502-02	Journals of the House	.	.	.	.	.	.	750 00
0503-01	Printing Acts and Resolves	.	.	.	.	.	.	28,996 00*
0503-02	Decisions of Supreme Court	.	.	.	.	.	.	22,067 60*
0503-03	Printing Public Documents	.	.	.	.	.	.	5,835 23*
0504-01	Primaries and Other Elections	.	.	.	.	.	.	188,930 89
0504-04	Lists of Candidates	.	.	.	.	.	.	12,763 92
0504-05	Electoral College	.	.	.	.	.	.	747 33
0504-08	Rent Control Referendum	.	.	.	.	.	.	21,770 88
0505-01	Medical Examiners Fees	.	.	.	.	.	.	1,500 00
Total								<u>\$638,726 48</u>

Excess of Receipts over Expenditures \$271,878.08.

\*These items are continuing accounts.



## ANNUAL REPORTS

On or before the first Wednesday of December in each fiscal year every state officer, department, board and commission which is required by law to file an annual report must deposit such report with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The only exceptions are in the few cases where some other date is specifically provided by law for the filing of a report.

During 1952 pursuant to this requirement, the following officers, departments, boards and commissions filed annual reports on or before the first Wednesday of December, 1952:—

Department of Conservation, 1952  
 Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section A  
 Co-operative Banks and Savings and Loan Associations, 1952  
 Department of Public Health, 1952  
 Massachusetts Public Building Commission, 1952  
 Appellate Tax Board, 1952  
 Port of Boston Authority, 1952  
 Department of Public Safety, 1952  
 Trustees, Taunton State Hospital, 1952  
 Board of Registration in Pharmacy, 1952  
 Trustees, State Library, 1952  
 Subsequent to the legal filing date, the following reports were received:—  
 Judicial Council of Massachusetts, 1952  
 Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, 1952  
 Department of Correction, 1952  
 Department of Public Works, 1952  
 Department of the Auditor, 1952  
 Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, 1952  
 Division of Standards (Department of Labor and Industries), 1952  
 Metropolitan District Assessments (Treasurer and Receiver-General), 1952  
 Board of Registration in Embalming and Funeral Directing, 1952  
 Director of Registration, 1952  
 Board of Registration in Optometry, 1952  
 State Examiners of Electricians, 1952  
 Board of Registration of Certified Public Accountants, 1952  
 Board of Registration of Architects, 1952  
 Division of Industrial Safety (Department of Labor and Industries), 1952  
 State Airport Management Board, 1952  
 Outdoor Advertising Authority, 1952  
 Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine, 1952  
 Board of Dental Examiners, 1952  
 Board of Registration in Chiropody (Podiatry), 1952  
 State Reclamation Board (Department of Agriculture), 1951-52  
 Division of Apprentice Training (Department of Labor and Industries), 1952  
 Division on the Necessaries of Life (Department of Labor and Industries), 1952  
 Treasurer and Receiver-General, 1952  
 Division of Livestock Disease Control (Department of Agriculture), 1952  
 Department of Public Welfare, 1952  
 Department of Education (Part 1), 1952  
 Finance Commission of the City of Boston, 1952  
 Department of Education (Part 2), 1952  
 Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, 1952  
 Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section B, Credit Unions, 1952  
 President, University of Massachusetts, 1952  
 State Racing Commission, 1952  
 Boston Police Commissioner, 1952  
 Division of Employment Security (Department of Labor and Industries), 1952  
 Department of Agriculture, 1952  
 Commissioner of Veterans' Services, 1952  
 Minimum Wage Commission (Department of Labor and Industries), 1952

Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section C, Savings Banks, 1952  
 Board of Free Public Library Commissioners, 1952  
 Purchasing Bureau (Commission on Administration and Finance), 1952  
 Trustees, Tewksbury State Hospital and Infirmary, 1952  
 Bureau of Loan Agencies, 1952

#### ARCHIVES DIVISION

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, there have been made 13 military certificates; 30 typewritten copies; 55,782 photostatic copies of legislative records, maps, plans, corporation records, and veterans' discharges.

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Section 167, as amended, providing for the filing by attorneys of their appearance before the Parole Board in behalf of persons seeking a pardon or parole, fifty-seven attorneys have so filed.

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Section 152, as amended, providing for the filing by the Commissioner of Correction of certified copies of petitions for pardons, paroles, and commutations of sentences, together with other documents pertaining thereto, one hundred and seventy-three cases have been received and filed.

Under General Laws, Chapter 264, Section 14, providing for the taking of an oath by every person entering the service of the Commonwealth and the filing of such oath in the office of the Secretary, approximately 23,000 oaths have been received and filed.

It is imperative that additional space be allocated to the Archives in order that the historical records of the Commonwealth be properly safeguarded and that the public be adequately served.

#### 1953 COMMISSIONS

The number of commissions issued during the year ending June 30, 1953 was 5,384, of which 516 were without fee and 121 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder.

The different classes were as follows:

Notaries Public . . . . .	4,660
Justices of the Peace . . . . .	161
Justices of the Peace designated to solemnize Marriages . . . . .	12
Justices of the Peace to issue warrants and take bail . . . . .	9
Associate Justices, Superior Court . . . . .	2
Judges of Probate and Insolvency . . . . .	2
Register of Probate and Insolvency . . . . .	1
District Attorney—Suffolk County . . . . .	1
Associate Justice, Municipal Court, City of Boston . . . . .	1
Justices and Special Justices, District Courts . . . . .	14
Clerks, District Courts . . . . .	4
Trial Justices . . . . .	2
Masters in Chancery . . . . .	22
Public Administrators . . . . .	17
Medical Examiners . . . . .	10
Associate Medical Examiners . . . . .	21
Trustees, Commissioners, etc. . . . .	327
Commissioners to Qualify Public Officers . . . . .	13
Special State Police Officers . . . . .	61
Public Warehousemen . . . . .	33
Chief Secretary, Executive Department . . . . .	1
Personal Secretary, Executive Department . . . . .	1
Administrative Secretary, Executive Department . . . . .	1
Legislative Secretary, Executive Department . . . . .	2
Press Secretary, Executive Department . . . . .	1
Assistant Secretaries, Executive Department . . . . .	5

Certificates to the number of 9,844 were issued, of which 2,489 were for certificates for which no fees are charged. Forty-one persons re-registered as required under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 7B.

### CORPORATION DIVISION

The total number of certificates filed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953 was 46,047.

Business organizations	3,387
Clubs, etc., organizations (Chapter 180)	359
Miscellaneous organizations	28
Business amendments, etc.	1,935
Miscellaneous amendments	121
Business conditions (Foreign and Massachusetts)	33,462
Club reports	2,975
Foreign amendments, etc.	112
Foreign power of attorney by person or partnership	6
Trust receipts	3,033
Liens	65
Trade marks	298
Assignments of trade marks	22
Limited partnerships	46
Approvals of Department of Public Utilities	47
Contracts of railroad and street railway companies	15
Certificates of clerks of various courts relative to dissolution of corporations (covering 1955 corporations)	15
Petition for surrender of charter and dissolution	2
Certificates of revival of corporations	66
Certificates of Acceptance of Acts	3
Certificates relative to Conversion of Co-operative Banks	2
Certificates of consent to change of location of social and athletic corporations	48
	<hr/> 46,047
Non-business charters withheld	14
Non-business applications for incorporation withdrawn	8
Non-business applications for change of name withdrawn	1
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Certified copies of Corporation Certificates	5,819
Special certificates supplied	599

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND AGENTS' EXPENSES

In compliance with General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 3, Sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relative to the filing of legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation, there were during or following the 1953 session of the General Court 338 entries made in the dockets, an increase of 43 as compared with 1952. Returns for the 1953 session were not received until after the close of the session and the close of the Fiscal Year 1952-53.

Returns covering 329 entries were received from persons, associations or corporations employing legislative counsel or agents. Nine employers who failed to file returns within the time prescribed by law were reported to the Attorney General.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel or agents was \$298,967.29. Of this amount \$69,875 represents annual salaries or retainers of regular employees apportioned and \$9,100 unapportioned, and \$219,992.29 payments in connection with legislation only. Nine employers stated that they paid nothing.



## PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, RESPITES, REQUISITIONS, ETC.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the year was 76; of which 51 were full and complete; 1 discharge from the Danvers State Hospital; 16 under parole conditions; 7 commutations; 1 remander.

There were 54 requisitions issued upon other States; 6 upon the Secretary of the Navy of the United States; 1 upon the Chief Justice of the District Court of the United States of America; and 31 warrants issued upon requisitions from other States.

## PROCLAMATIONS

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. For the observance of each of the following 10,500 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks:—Commodore John Barry Day, September 13, 1952; Pulaski Day, October 11, 1952; United Nations Day, October 24, 1952; American Education Week, November 9–15, 1952; Armistice Day, November 11, 1952; Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 1952; Civil Rights Week, December 8–15, 1952; New Orleans Day, January 8, 1953; Lincoln Day, February 12, 1953; Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1953; One Hundred and Eighty-third Anniversary of the Boston Massacre, March 5, 1953; Evacuation Day, March 17, 1953; Patriots' Day, April 19, 1953; Loyalty Day, May 1, 1953; La Fayette Day, May 20, 1953; Memorial Day, May 30, 1953; Flag Day, June 14, 1953 and Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1953. August 12, 1952 was designated as Indian Day and 6,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmaster and city and town clerks. For the observance of Arbor and Bird Day, April 24, 1953, 10,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 5–12, 1952 and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices.

March 13, 1953 was set apart by His Excellency the Governor as Student Government Day, and 5,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were printed and distributed to the schools.

A proclamation was issued to the press by His Excellency the Governor closing all sections of the forests and woodlands of Middlesex, Essex, Norfolk, Bristol, Plymouth, Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket Counties at 12:01 P.M. on July 31, 1952 to all persons except the owners and tenants of such forests and woodlands and their agents or employees or persons holding written permission from such owners or tenants to enter thereon for any purpose not prohibited by law, due to a serious fire hazard which existed by reason of extreme drought. A proclamation was also issued to the press by His Excellency the Governor reopening all sections of the forests and woodlands within Middlesex, Essex, Norfolk, Bristol, Plymouth, Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket Counties at 12:01 A.M. on August 8, 1952, since the serious forest fire hazard which existed in the forests and woodlands within said counties by reason of extreme drought had been removed by recent rains.

A proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor calling the members of the General Court to assemble in the State House on the ninth day of September, 1952, at two o'clock in the afternoon, in a special session, to the end that action may be taken on the repeal of Chapter 660 of the Acts of 1947, Chapter 589 of the Acts of 1948 and all other acts, general and special which have been enacted subsequent thereto, which are concerned with pensions and retirement allowances for members of the General Court and other elected state officials, and also the revision of General Laws, Chapter 3, Section 20, as most recently amended by Chapter 572 of the Acts of 1952, pertaining to travel and other expenses for certain officers and employees of the General Court, as the public was shocked and outraged by the manner in which, pursuant to the terms of the law, travel and other expenses were



established by the committees on rules of the two branches of the General Court acting concurrently during the session of 1952, and copies of the proclamation were mailed to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives.

A proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press closing all sections of the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth at 12:01 P.M. on October 28, 1952 to all persons except the owners and tenants of such forests and woodlands and their agents or employees or persons holding written permission from such owners or tenants to enter thereon for any purpose not prohibited by law, due to a serious fire hazard which existed by reason of extreme drought, and proclaiming a closed season on all fish, except as provided, birds and mammals and prohibiting hunting, trapping and fishing, and the possession of firearms on the property of another during the continuance of the proclamation except that fishing from boats shall not be prohibited in any inland water which can be reached without entering any woodland. A proclamation was issued to the press by His Excellency the Governor reopening all sections of forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth at 12:01 A.M. on November 11, 1952 and all effective seasons on hunting, trapping and fishing, and allowing the possession of firearms on the property of others, since sufficient rain had fallen to remove the fire hazard which existed in the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth by reason of extreme drought.

A proclamation was issued by the Governor to the press on February 17, 1953 appointing William George Sutcliffe of Boston, Mass., to serve as moderator for the labor dispute existing between Locals 12017, 12173, 13225 and 13405 of the United Mine Workers of America, District 50 and their employers, the Arlington Gas Light Company, the Malden and Melrose Gas Light Company, the Malden Electric Company, the Suburban Gas and Electric Company, the Salem Gas Light Company, the Salem Electric Lighting Company, the Beverly Gas and Electric Company and the Norwood Gas Company.

On March 2, 1953 a proclamation was issued by the Governor to the press appointing Hubert C. Callaghan of Worcester, Mass., to serve as moderator for the labor dispute existing between Locals 12029 and 12269 of the United Mine Workers of America, District 50 and its employer, the Worcester Gas Light Company, as the labor dispute had not been settled by collective bargaining and it imminently threatened a substantial interruption in the production, manufacture and distribution of essential goods and services.

A proclamation was issued by the Governor to the press on April 13, 1953 appointing Mark E. Gallagher, Jr., of Medford, Mass., to serve as moderator for the labor dispute existing between Local 380, Milk Wagon Drivers, Creamery and Ice Cream Workers, American Federation of Labor, and their employers, the Whiting Milk Company, Seven Oaks Dairy Company, United Farmers of New England, Incorporated, White Brothers, J. F. Cashin and Company, Weiler-Sterling Farms Company, Deerfoot Farms, Herlihy Brothers, Incorporated, Putnam Brothers, M. S. Cosgrove and Sons, McAdams Dairy Products and Walker Gordon Laboratories of New England, Incorporated as a substantial interruption in the production and distribution of essential goods or services was imminent, and as an interruption in the production and distribution of said essential goods or services would curtail the availability of said essential goods or services to such an extent as to endanger the health and safety of the communities served by said companies.

Proclamations were issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press for the following purposes:—Blood Through Baseball Month, the period from June 30 through July 31, 1952; Jimmy Time, September 1–14, 1952; National Home Week, September 14–21, 1952; Citizenship Day, September 17, 1952; Roxbury Day, September 28, 1952; Newspaperboy Day, October 4, 1952; National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, October 5–11, 1952; Massachusetts Oil Progress Week, October 12–18, 1952; Letter Writing Week, October 12–18, 1952; Poetry Day, October 15, 1952; Credit Union Day, October 16, 1952; American Art Week, November 1–7, 1952; Flower Week, November 2–9, 1952; Criminal Investigation Day, November 8, 1952; 177th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps,

November 10, 1952; Mentally Retarded Children's Day, December 8, 1952; Israel Bond Big Day, December 14, 1952; Muscular Dystrophy Appeal Day, December 21, 1952; Crusade for Freedom Month, the period from December 29, 1952 to January 30, 1953; Big Brother Week, January 4-11, 1953; Printing and Publishing Week, January 12-17, 1953; JAYCEE Week, January 14-21, 1953; National Thrift Week, January 17-23, 1953; Ukrainian Independence Day, January 22, 1953; National V.F.W. Week, January 25-31, 1953; Heart Month, the month of February, 1953; Zionist Mobilization Month, the month of February, 1953; Children's Dental Health Day, February 2, 1953; 52nd Anniversary Day of the United States Army Nurse Corps, February 2, 1953; Four Chaplains Day, February 3, 1953; Boy Scout Week, February 7-13, 1953; Negro History Week, February 8-15, 1953; Brotherhood Week, February 15-22, 1953; Lithuania Independence Day, February 16, 1953; Time to Honor YMCA World Services, February 17-March 10, 1953; A Day of Prayer, February 20, 1953; Engineers' Week, February 22-28, 1953; Red Cross Month, the month of March, 1953; Save Your Vision Week, March 1-7, 1953; President's Day, March 4, 1953; Easter Seal Month, March 5-April 5, 1953; Ort Day, March 12, 1953; Massachusetts Wildlife Conservation Week, March 15-21, 1953; Greek Independence Day, March 25, 1953; Bataan Day, April 9, 1953; World Jewish Child's Day, April 12, 1953; Boys' Club Week, April 13-19, 1953; Pan American Day, April 14, 1953 and Pan American Week, April 12-18, 1953; American Jewish Congress Week, April 19-26, 1953 and American Jewish Congress Day, April 19, 1953; Massachusetts Social Hygiene Day, April 22, 1953; Cerebral Palsy Month, the month of May, 1953; Elks Youth Day, May 1, 1953; Child Health Day, May 1, 1953; Polish Constitution Day, May 3, 1953; National and Inter-American Music Week, May 3-10, 1953; Mental Health Week, May 3-9, 1953; Humane Sunday, May 3, 1953 and Be Kind to Animals Week, May 4-9, 1953; Golden Anniversary of Flight, the period from May 6-December 17, 1953; Armed Forces Week, May 8-16, 1953; Massachusetts State Mothers' Week, May 10-16, 1953; Achievement Week, May 10-16, 1953; National Hospital Day, May 12, 1953; I Am An American Day, May 17, 1953; Letters from America Week, May 18-24, 1953; National Maritime Day, May 22, 1953; National Golf Day, May 23, 1953; June Dairy Month, the month of June, 1953; Public Servants Week, first week of June, 1953; National and International Shut-In's Day, June 7, 1953; Fraternal Week, June 8-14, 1953; Soap Box Derby Day, June 13, 1953; Aid to Korea Month, June 15-July 15, 1953; World Veterans Day, June 21, 1953; Disaster Relief Days, June 26-July 4, 1953.

A proclamation was also issued by the Governor on June 10, 1953 proclaiming that a state of emergency existed in the Commonwealth by reason of the devastation resulting from the recent tornado in the Worcester-Shrewsbury-Holden region of Massachusetts, and calling upon all the people of the Commonwealth to assist and co-operate with the duly constituted authorities in all measures which may be taken to alleviate the tragic suffering of those affected by the disaster.

A proclamation was issued by the Governor to the press on June 25, 1953 appointing Isadore Levin to serve as moderator for the labor dispute existing between Local 396, Utility Workers Union of America, C.I.O. and its employer Montaup Electric Company, as an interruption in the production and distribution of essential goods or services was imminent, and as an interruption in the production and distribution of said essential goods or services would curtail the availability of said essential goods or services to such an extent as to endanger the health or safety of the communities of Fall River, Dighton, Somerset, Bridgewater, Swansea and Westport, Brockton, Easton, Abington, Rockland, Avon, East Bridgewater, West Bridgewater, Cohasset, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Norwell, Pembroke, Scituate, Stoughton and Whitman, and as the intervention of government would be in the public interest, and in accordance with the policy declared by the General Court in said chapter 150B.

#### PUBLIC DOCUMENT DIVISION

During the fiscal year 1953, the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: *Reports*: 15,897 copies of the Public Document Series, representing twenty reports of the several state depart-



ments, boards and commissions; 425 copies of the edition of the Executive Council Report on the return of Votes for State Officers, etc., 1952; *Laws*: 9,010 copies of the 1952 bound edition of the Acts and Resolves, commonly called the Blue Book; 10,044 copies of the 1952 pamphlet edition of the Acts and Resolves; 6,875 copies of the 1952 Supplement to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; 7,200 copies of the 1952 Supplement to the Laws Relating to Retirement Systems and Pensions; 4,923 copies of the General Laws Relating to Corporations, 1951; 1,000 copies of the General Laws Relating to Taxation and Special Assessments, 1952; *Veterans Proceedings*: 634 copies of the Proceedings of the Fifty-second Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1951; 996 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-third Annual Convention, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1951; 100 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-fourth Annual Convention, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1952; 758 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-first Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1951; 100 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-second Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1952; 600 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirtieth Annual Convention, Disabled American Veterans of the World War, Department of Massachusetts, 1951; 622 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-first Annual Convention, Disabled American Veterans of the World War, Department of Massachusetts, 1952; 603 copies of the Proceedings of the Seventh Annual Convention, American Veterans of World War II, Department of Massachusetts, 1951; 452 copies of the Proceedings of the Twelfth, Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth and Sixteenth Annual Conventions, Marine Corps League, Department of Massachusetts, 1948 to 1952; 604 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-second Annual Convention, The Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Department of Massachusetts, 1952; *Journals and Manuals*: 600 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, 1952, total, 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Volume 27, 1750-51; 4,015 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Police Service in Cities and Towns, 1952-B edition; 4,967 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Police Service in Cities and Towns, 1953; 1,014 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for the Meter-Reading and Water Inspection Service in the Cities and Towns, 1953; 10,500 copies of the Manual for the General Court, 1953-54; *Massachusetts Reports*: 475 copies each of Volumes 327 and 328 of the Massachusetts Reports, total, 950 copies; *Miscellaneous*: 400 copies of Public Officers of Massachusetts, 1953-54; 542 copies of the Proceedings of the Electoral College of Massachusetts, 1952; 50,000 copies of the Arms and Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; 2,086 copies of A Bibliography of The World Literature on Blood Pressure, 1920-1950, Volume I (Authors and Titles); 2,142 copies of A Bibliography of the World Literature on Blood Pressure, 1920-1950, Volume II (Author Index and Title Index); 2,156 copies of A Bibliography of The World Literature on Blood Pressure, 1920-1950, Volume III (Abstracts); making a grand total of 141,115 copies.

The sale of Massachusetts Reports surplus volumes on hand, as authorized by Chapter 57 of the Resolves of 1950, commenced on January 1, 1951. Of the approximate number of copies available for sale, namely 90,000, about 4,470 were sold during the fiscal year.

#### PUBLIC RECORDS DIVISION

The Supervisor of Public Records visited and inspected the public records in 18 cities and 76 towns within the Commonwealth, also many county offices for the purpose of checking the custody and care being given such records, as provided in General Laws (Ter. Ed.), Chapter 66, Section 1. Fire possibilities were discussed and many helpful suggestions were offered to the record custodians which would eliminate the apparent fire hazards.

Due to the lack of sufficient appropriation, travel had to be curtailed and it was impossible to make the many more intended visits to other cities and towns.

Custodians have been inconvenienced by this and requests for advice, information and inspections have been postponed.

### *Standard Record Ink*

This department furnishes approved standard record ink for use on public records in the several departments and offices of the Commonwealth and of the counties, cities and towns, in which such records are kept, in accordance with General Laws (Ter. Ed.), Chapter 66, Section 2. Ink supplied to the departments and offices of the Commonwealth is paid for by this department; ink supplied to the counties, cities and towns is paid for by the individual county, city or town.

Violations of Section 4 of Chapter 66, which forbids the use on public records of other than approved standard record ink have been observed. This division has notified all offenders as to the provisions of said Section 4.

### *Repairing and Binding*

Recommendations for repairing and binding, the necessity for which was observed during inspections, have been made to the proper persons. More volumes of the Massachusetts Archives have been rebound and others will be rebound subject to the amount appropriated.

### *Carbon Paper*

Revised copies of the list of the brand names of approved carbon papers, the use of which is authorized by Chapter 310 of the Acts of 1950, are available at this office.

### *Typewriter Ribbons*

Revised copies of the list of approved typewriter ribbons are available at this office wherein the approved typewriter ribbons are identified as having successfully passed the 48-hour Fade-Ometer test.

### *Stamp Pads and Stamp Pad Inks*

Revised copies of the list of approved brands of stamp pads and stamp pad inks are available at this office.

Purchasing agents and other interested persons of the various State departments, cities and towns have been supplied with copies of the above mentioned lists.

### *Safes and Vaults*

This division has available for distribution on request specifications for the construction of fire-proof safes and vaults based on recommendations proposed by the National Fire Protection Association. All improvements to present installations must be completed according to the standards required for new construction.

In several instances new vaults have been recommended to replace antiquated ones and many doors have been changed to the approved 6-hour type.

## REFERENDA

### INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS

There were no initiative or referendum petitions filed for the fiscal year 1952-3.

### VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 46, Section 17, returns of births, marriages and deaths from 351 cities and towns and births and deaths from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury for the year 1952 were received and total 95,801 births and 37,586 marriages, a decrease of 6,403 births and a decrease of 1,205 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1951.

Under the provisions of the same statute, 52,620 certified copies of records of deaths were received, a decrease of 952, compared with the records of 1951.



Medical Examiners' returns for 1952 cover 12,626, an increase of 605, as compared with returns for 1951.

Returns by Clerks of Courts and Registers of Probate of the decrees of divorce granted during 1952 number 5,890, a decrease of 398, as compared with the returns of 1951.

From July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953, 10,035 certificates of births, 2,195 certificates of marriages and 2,536 certificates of deaths were issued, a total of 14,766 certified copies. Besides these, 4,996 were certified abstracts given the Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims without fee.

In addition to the above, 3,672 records were verified for various government agencies.

The demand for records for war, social security, aid and relief, school and other purposes still continues.

There were 52,857 requests for records during this period.

A total of \$8,401.45 was received by this Division during this fiscal period. Of this amount, \$7,383.00 was for certified copies of births, marriages and death records; \$154.00 for certifications of exact copies of records and for exemplified statements; and \$864.45 was refunded to the remitters because excessive amounts were sent in or the requested service could not be rendered. 22,396 card abstracts of birth records for school, employment, enlistment, welfare and civil service purposes were issued without charge.

There were 7,756 references of records of marriages and deaths issued without fee for welfare, old age assistance, employment and insurance purposes.

There were 12,047 delayed records of birth and corrections of birth records, 260 corrections of marriages and 144 corrections of death records.

Returns of 4,136 names changed in 1952 as decreed by the courts were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, Chapter 210, Section 12.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS

By General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 30, Section 37, as amended by Chapter 556 of the Acts of 1951 and Chapter 30, Section 37A, inserted by Chapter 576 of the Acts of 1951, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, or to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law rules and regulations were filed by the following departments, boards and commissions during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953: Department of Banking and Insurance, Department of Civil Service and Registration, Department of Conservation, Department of Education, Division of Employment Security, Department of Labor and Industries, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Utilities, Department of Public Works, Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, Metropolitan District Commission, State Boxing Commission, Sergeant-at-Arms, Milk Control Board and State Airport Management Board. The 1952 report listed all rules and regulations on file to June 30, 1952 and the same continue in full force and effect except for such changes as are indicated by the reports here listed as filed between July 1, 1952 and June 30, 1953.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Election Statistics (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

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THE FOLLOWING ARE THE  
RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION  
TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS  
OF THE GENERAL LAWS

ALSO

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION  
OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY  
THE GENERAL COURT

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# RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yea	No
1952 July 7	Town Clerk, Falmouth	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	June 30, 1952	-1	-
July 15	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing and directing the county commissioners of the county of Middlesex to erect and equip a court house for the first district court of southern Middlesex at Framingham (1952, 491)	July 11, 1952	-2	-
July 16	Town Clerk, Nahant	An Act establishing a town manager form of government for the town of Nahant (1948, 513)	Apr. 30, 1951 July 15, 1952	416 -3	611 -
July 17	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pension Vincent H. Flannery (1952, 512)	July 15, 1952	-4	-
July 17	City Clerk, Boston	An Act extending certain benefits under the State-Boston retirement system to the widows of certain former members of the Boston retirement system (1952, 629)	July 15, 1952	-5	-
July 21	Town Clerk, Brookline	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	Mar. 26, 1952	-4	-
Aug. 7	Assistant City Clerk, Lowell	An Act authorizing the city of Lowell to increase the retirement allowances of Patrick F. Flannery (1952, 242)	July 23, 1952	-5	-
Aug. 8	Town Clerk, North Reading	An Act authorizing the placing of the office of chief of police of the town of North Reading under the civil service laws (1952, 21)	Mar. 10, 1952	-4	-
Aug. 28	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pension John F. Cullinan, a sergeant detective in the police department of said city (1952, 478)	Aug. 27, 1952	-5	-
Sept. 2	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	Mar. 25, 1952	-6	-
Sept. 9	Town Clerk, Framingham	An Act relative to the establishment in the town of Framingham of representative town government by limited town meetings (1952, 76)	Sept. 4, 1952	-1	-
Sept. 24	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Sept. 2, 1952	-1	-
Sept. 24	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the city of Lynn to retire Alexandrine Morel (1952, 511)	Sept. 9, 1952	-5	-
Sept. 29	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the use by the Lynn Gas and Electric Company of a certain part of the public common in the city of Lynn for the location of a natural gas pipe line (1952, 81)	Apr. 8, 1952	-5	-
Oct. 9	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Oct. 7, 1952	-5	-
Oct. 9	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Oct. 6, 1952	-5	-
Oct. 10	Clerk, Plymouth County Commissioners	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Oct. 7, 1952	-7	-
Oct. 10	City Clerk, Everett	An Act relative to the retirement of certain police officers in the city of Everett (1952, 582)	Oct. 14, 1952	-6	-
Oct. 15	City Clerk, Medford	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1952, 536)	Oct. 7, 1952	-5	-



Oct. 15	City Clerk, Medford	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Oct.	7, 1952	-5	
Oct. 15	City Clerk, Medford	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	Oct.	7, 1952	-6	
Oct. 16	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Oct.	14, 1952	-8	
Oct. 29	Clerk, Harvard Church, Brookline	An Act establishing Harvard Church and authorizing the transfer of certain property by Harvard Congregational Society of Brookline to said Harvard Church (1952, 233)	Oct.	28, 1952	-9	
Oct. 29	Clerk, Harvard Congregational Society, Brookline	An Act establishing Harvard Church and authorizing the transfer of certain property by Harvard Congregational Society of Brookline to said Harvard Church (1952, 233)	Oct.	28, 1952	-10	
Oct. 29	Town Clerk, Webster	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	Oct.	27, 1952	-4	
Oct. 29	Town Clerk, Webster	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Oct.	27, 1952	-4	
Oct. 30	Clerk, Franklin County Commissioners	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Oct.	21, 1952	-11	
Nov. 6	City Clerk, Beverly	An Act providing for the holding of biennial municipal elections in the city of Beverly in odd-numbered years and establishing the date of said elections (1951, 238)	Nov.	4, 1952	10,549	1,766
Nov. 6	City Clerk, Fitchburg	An Act providing for nominations by preliminary elections of candidates for elective municipal offices in the city of Fitchburg (1952, 232)	Nov.	4, 1952	12,603	3,472
Nov. 6	City Clerk, Newton	An Act repealing the provisions of law providing for preferential voting at municipal elections in the city of Newton and making the general municipal election laws applicable therein (1952, 208)	Nov.	4, 1952	23,344	8,508
Nov. 7	Secretary, Board of Election Commissioners, Springfield	An Act authorizing off-street parking facilities in the city of Springfield (1952, 436)	Nov.	4, 1952	39,664	31,454
Nov. 7	City Clerk, Taunton	An Act relative to the membership of the school committee of the city of Taunton (1952, 70)	Nov.	4, 1952	9,804	4,106
Nov. 7	City Clerk, Woburn	An Act reducing the membership of the Woburn school committee from nine to five members (1952, 589)	Nov.	4, 1952	4,630	5,474
Nov. 7	Town Clerk, Arlington	An Act establishing a town manager form of government for the town of Arlington (1952, 503)	Nov.	4, 1952	11,756	10,891
Nov. 7	Town Clerk, Douglas	An Act increasing the term of office of the tax collector for the town of Douglas from one year to three years (1952, 485)	Nov.	4, 1952	771	481
Nov. 7	Town Clerk, Maynard	An Act authorizing the town of Maynard to establish a board of public works exercising the powers of certain other departments and town officers (1952, 393)	Nov.	4, 1952	2,185	579
Nov. 7	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act authorizing the town of Natick to vote at the biennial state election in the current year on the question of the acceptance of an act to establish in said town representative town government by limited town meetings (1952, 7)	Nov.	4, 1952	5,056	4,481
Nov. 7	Town Clerk, Plymouth	An Act establishing in the town of Plymouth representative town government by limited town meetings (1952, 283)	Nov.	4, 1952	3,055	2,074
Nov. 7	Town Clerk, Plymouth	An Act authorizing the town of Plymouth to establish a commission of public works exercising the powers of certain other boards, commissions, committees, departments and offices (1952, 482)	Nov.	4, 1952	2,550	2,578

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT—Continued

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yea	No
1952					
Nov. 10	Chairman, Election Commission, Cambridge . . . . .	An Act relative to the referendum in Plain E cities on the question of providing for the nominations for certain officers therein by preliminary election, and their election by ordinary plurality voting (1952, 281)	Nov. 4, 1952	23,030	25,068
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Medford . . . . .	Same act as above (1952, 281)	Nov. 4, 1952	16,709	11,727
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Quincy . . . . .	Same act as above (1952, 281)	Nov. 4, 1952	26,658	10,316
Nov. 10	Secretary, Election Commissioners, Revere . . . . .	Same act as above (1952, 281)	Nov. 4, 1952	10,353	4,947
Nov. 12	City Clerk, Springfield . . . . .	An Act providing that certain members of retirement systems established for incorporated housing authorities be allowed credit for service in unincorporated housing committees taken over by said authorities (1952, 382)	Nov. 10, 1952	—	—
Nov. 20	City Clerk, Pittsfield . . . . .	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	Nov. 18, 1952	—	—
Nov. 20	City Clerk, Pittsfield . . . . .	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Nov. 19, 1952	—	—
Nov. 20	Assistant Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners . . . . .	Same act as above (1952, 624)	Nov. 18, 1952	—	—
Nov. 20	Town Clerk, Shrewsbury . . . . .	Same act as above (1952, 624)	Nov. 17, 1952	—	—
Nov. 21	City Clerk, Chelsea . . . . .	Same act as above (1952, 624)	Oct. 20, 1952	—	—
Nov. 21	City Clerk, Boston . . . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to compensate Laurence H. Banks for certain expenses incurred by him in establishing his right to be declared a duly elected member of the city council of said city (1952, 500)	Nov. 17, 1952	—	—
Dec. 2	City Clerk, Revere . . . . .	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Nov. 24, 1952	—	—
Dec. 19	Town Clerk, Berlin . . . . .	Same act as above (1952, 624)	Dec. 15, 1952	—	—
Dec. 19	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners . . . . .	Same act as above (1952, 624)	Dec. 16, 1952	—	—
1953					
Jan. 6	Secretary, Norfolk County Commissioners . . . . .	Same act as above (1952, 624)	Dec. 31, 1952	—	—
Jan. 6	City Clerk, Boston . . . . .	Same act as above (1952, 624)	Jan. 2, 1953	—	—
Jan. 9	City Clerk, Everett . . . . .	Same act as above (1952, 624)	Dec. 31, 1952	—	—
Jan. 9	City Clerk, Everett . . . . .	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	Dec. 31, 1952	—	—
Jan. 29	City Clerk, Springfield . . . . .	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Dec. 29, 1952	—	—

Feb. 5	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act providing for the construction and operation by the metropolitan district commission of refuse disposal incinerators in certain cases (1952, 559)	Jan.	8, 1953	-14	
Feb. 5	Town Clerk, West Springfield	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Oct.	20, 1952	-1	
Feb. 5	City Clerk, New Bedford	Same act as above (1952, 624)	Jan.	26, 1953	-3	
Feb. 17	Town Clerk, Bourne	An Act relative to expenditures by the town of Bourne for municipal advertising purposes (1952, 124)	Feb.	9, 1953	-1	
Feb. 17	Town Clerk, Bourne	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Feb.	9, 1953	-1	
Feb. 26	City Clerk, Lawrence	Same act as above (1952, 624)	Feb.	24, 1953	-5	
Mar. 4	Clerk, Plymouth County Commissioners	An Act providing for the construction of a sea wall in the town of Duxbury (1952, 531, as amended by 1953, 20)	Mar.	3, 1953	-7	
Mar. 5	Town Clerk, Mansfield	An Act authorizing the town of Mansfield to provide a scholarship fund for graduates of the high school of said town (1952, 50)	Feb.	25, 1952	-4	
Mar. 5	Town Clerk, Mansfield	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	Mar.	2, 1953	-4	
Mar. 10	Town Clerk, Watertown	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the present collector of taxes of the town of Watertown (1952, 64)	Mar.	2, 1953	4,836	4,217
Mar. 10	Town Clerk, Watertown	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the present auditor of the town of Watertown (1952, 67)	Mar.	2, 1953	4,857	4,125
Mar. 10	Town Clerk, Watertown	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the present treasurer of the town of Watertown (1952, 68)	Mar.	2, 1953	4,923	4,086
Mar. 12	Town Clerk, Barnstable	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Mar.	3, 1953	-4	
Mar. 12	Town Clerk, Amesbury	Same act as above (1952, 624)	Mar.	3, 1953	-4	
Mar. 12	Clerk, Franklin County Commissioners	An Act providing for the installation of additional water supply facilities and the purchase of additional X-ray equipment at the Hampshire County Sanatorium (1953, 62)	Mar.	10, 1953	-11	
Mar. 13	Town Clerk, Athol	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	Mar.	2, 1953	-4	
Mar. 16	Town Clerk, Marblehead	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Mar.	2, 1953	-4	
Mar. 16	Town Clerk, Rockland	Same act as above (1952, 624)	Mar.	10, 1953	-4	
Mar. 16	Town Clerk, Rockland	An Act to authorize the placing of the positions of the regular or permanent members of the fire department of the town of Rockland under the civil service laws (1953, 27)	Mar.	5, 1953	-4	
Mar. 16	Town Clerk, Hamilton	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Mar.	7, 1953	1,074	645
Mar. 17	Town Clerk, Westwood	Same act as above (1952, 624)	Mar.	2, 1953	-4	
Mar. 18	Clerk, Hampshire County Commissioners	An Act providing for the installation of additional water supply facilities and the purchase of additional X-ray equipment at the Hampshire County Sanatorium (1953, 62)	Mar.	10, 1953	-1	
Mar. 18	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for the construction and operation by the metropolitan district commission of refuse disposal incinerators in certain cases (1952, 559)	Mar.	13, 1953	-15	
Mar. 19	Clerk, Berkshire County Commissioners	An Act providing for the installation of additional water supply facilities and the purchase of additional X-ray equipment at the Hampshire County Sanatorium (1953, 62)	Mar.	16, 1953	-3	
			Mar.	17, 1953	-15	



RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT—Continued

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1953					
Mar. 24	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Mar. 19, 1953	-6	-
Mar. 24	Town Clerk, Milton	Same act as above (1952, 624)	Mar. 14, 1953	-4	-
Mar. 27	City Clerk, Woburn	Same act as above (1952, 624)	Mar. 20, 1953	-3	-
Mar. 30	Town Clerk, Brookline	Same act as above (1952, 624)	Mar. 25, 1953	-4	-
Mar. 30	Town Clerk, Brookline	An Act establishing the office of comptroller in the town of Brookline (1953, 67)	Mar. 25, 1953	-4	-
Mar. 30	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act authorizing the city of Chelsea to expend a certain unexpended balance of funds for back salaries of Chelsea school employees (1953, 43)	Mar. 23, 1953	-6	-
Mar. 30	Clerk, Trustees of the Bristol County Tuberculosis Hospital	An Act authorizing the trustees of the Bristol County Tuberculosis Hospital to provide living quarters for the senior physician at said hospital (1953, 131)	Mar. 26, 1953	-17	-
Mar. 30	Town Clerk, East Pepperell	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Feb. 16, 1953	-4	-
Mar. 31	Town Clerk, Marblehead	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Mar. 10, 1953	-4	-
Apr. 1	Clerk, Greenville Baptist Society in Leicester	An Act to incorporate Greenville Cemetery Corporation and authorizing the transfer of certain funds and parcels of land to said corporation (1951, 225)	Mar. 25, 1953	-18	-
Apr. 1	Clerk, Greenville Baptist Church, Rochdale	An Act to incorporate Greenville Cemetery Corporation and authorizing the transfer of certain funds and parcels of land to said corporation (1951, 225)	Mar. 25, 1953	-19	-
Apr. 1	Town Clerk, Provincetown	An Act to establish the selectmen-town manager form of government in the town of Provincetown (1953, 78)	Mar. 30, 1953	541	469
Apr. 6	Town Clerk, Arlington	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	Mar. 18, 1953	-4	-
Apr. 6	Town Clerk, Arlington	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Mar. 18, 1953	-4	-
Apr. 6	Town Clerk, Arlington	An Act authorizing the town of Arlington to sell, convey or otherwise dispose of a certain parcel of land in said town (1953, 11)	Mar. 20, 1953	-4	-
Apr. 6	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act extending the period of existence of the development and industrial commission for the city of Lowell (1953, 183)	Mar. 24, 1953	-5	-
Apr. 8	Town Clerk, Manchester	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Mar. 10, 1953	-1	-
Apr. 8	Town Clerk, Hull	An Act making the provisions of the civil service laws applicable to the town of Hull with respect to certain town employees (1953, 111)	Mar. 4, 1953	-1	-
Apr. 13	Assistant Clerk, Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county of Middlesex to pay a sum of money to Ralph A. Nellson (1953, 125)	Apr. 10, 1953	-2	-



Apr. 16	Deputy Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of Essex County to expend money for advertising the Recreational, industrial and agricultural advantages of the county (1953, 126)	Apr. 14, 1953	-8
Apr. 16	Town Clerk, Norwood	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Mar. 26, 1953	-4
Apr. 16	Town Clerk, Winchester	Same act as above (1952, 624)	Mar. 12, 1953	-4
Apr. 23	Town Clerk, Weymouth	Same act as above (1952, 624)	Mar. 6, 1953	-4
Apr. 24	Town Clerk, Easthampton	Same act as above (1952, 624)	Mar. 21, 1953	-4
May 1	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the city of Lynn to sell a certain parcel of land in said city, acquired for park purposes (1953, 66)	Apr. 14, 1953	-5
May 5	Town Clerk, Braintree	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Mar. 16, 1953	-1
May 7	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act to authorize the use by the municipal gas and electric commission of the city of Holyoke for electric substitution purposes of certain lands acquired by said city for park and recreation purposes (1953, 9)	May 5, 1953	-6
May 15	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act repealing the law providing for a commissioner of public health and an advisory health board in the city of Worcester, and providing for a health commissioner and a health board to be appointed by the city manager of said city (1953, 181)	May 12, 1953	-5
May 15	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act providing for the consolidation of the Worcester City Hospital and the Belmont Hospital in the city of Worcester (1953, 266)	May 12, 1953	-5
May 19	City Clerk, Westfield	An Act authorizing the city of Westfield to appropriate money for the payment of, and to pay, certain unpaid bills (1953, 237)	May 7, 1953	-5
May 20	Clerk, Board of Selectmen, Marblehead	An Act placing the office of special investigator in the police department of the town of Marblehead under the civil service laws (1953, 305)	May 13, 1953	-20
May 22	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Mar. 17, 1953	-1
May 22	City Clerk, Revere	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the city planner in the city of Revere (1953, 345)	May 18, 1953	-5
May 26	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act authorizing the city of Lawrence to establish a board of trustees of the Lawrence Municipal Hospital and Infirmary, defining their powers and duties, and further defining the powers and duties of the department of public health and charities (1953, 335)	May 25, 1953	-5
May 28	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to use certain park land for school purposes (1953, 7)	May 25, 1953	-5
June 1	Town Clerk, Swampscott	An Act establishing a town manager form of government for the town of Swampscott (1951, 88)	Mar. 16, 1953	1,222
June 1	Sheriff of Bristol County, New Bedford	An Act providing for certain improvements at the Bristol County jail and house of correction in New Bedford (1953, 419)	May 29, 1953	-21
June 5	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act authorizing a city or town to grant annuities and to increase certain retirement allowances, pensions and annuities of certain officials and employees or to their surviving spouses or children (1953, 387)	June 3, 1953	-14
June 8	Assistant City Clerk, Quincy	An Act authorizing the city of Quincy to increase the retirement allowances of Josephine T. Angelo (1953, 390)	June 1, 1953	-5
June 8	Town Clerk, Marblehead	An Act authorizing the town of Marblehead to pay an annuity to Edith S. Chapman (1953, 155)	June 4, 1953	-4

# RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT—Concluded

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Y <sup>es</sup>	N <sup>o</sup>
June 8	Town Clerk, Mansfield	An Act changing the type of planning board in the town of Mansfield (1953, 16)	June 4, 1953	4	—
June 19	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act to authorize the conveyance of certain lands in Cambridge by the metropolitan district commission to the city of Cambridge (1953, 447)	June 15, 1953	5	—
June 22	City Clerk, Marlborough	An Act providing for an increase in the annual amounts of certain pensions, retirement allowances, annuities and other benefits payable by the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to certain former employees and persons claiming under them (1950, 820)	June 17, 1953	3	—
June 25	Town Clerk, Provincetown	An Act authorizing the town of Provincetown to appropriate money for municipal advertising purposes (1953, 206)	June 22, 1953	52	3
June 25	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	June 23, 1953	5	—

<sup>1</sup>Adopted by unanimous vote.

<sup>2</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.

<sup>3</sup>Accepted by the mayor and city council.

<sup>4</sup>Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.

<sup>5</sup>Accepted by the city council.

<sup>6</sup>Accepted by the board of aldermen.

<sup>7</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Plymouth County.

<sup>8</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.

<sup>9</sup>Accepted by the members of Harvard Church, Brookline.

<sup>10</sup>Accepted by the Harvard Congregational Society of Brookline.

<sup>11</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Franklin County.

<sup>12</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Bristol County.

<sup>13</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Norfolk County.

<sup>14</sup>Accepted by the mayor and board of aldermen.

<sup>15</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampshire County.

<sup>16</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Berkshire County.

<sup>17</sup>Accepted by the trustees of the Bristol County Tuberculosis Hospital.

<sup>18</sup>Accepted by the Greenville Baptist Society in Leicester.

<sup>19</sup>Accepted by the Greenville Baptist Church.

<sup>20</sup>Accepted by the board of selectmen.

<sup>21</sup>Accepted by the sheriff of Bristol County.



# RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL LAWS

WHEN RECEIVED	CITY OR TOWN	SUBJECT AND REFERENCE	ACTION	DATE OF ACTION
1952				
July 3	Weymouth	Workmen's compensation for laborers, workmen and mechanics, G. L. 152, s. 69, as amended	Accepted	June 23, 1952
July 8	Everett	Uniforms for police and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B	Accepted	June 9, 1952
July 11	North Reading	Temporary repairs on private ways by cities and towns, 1951, 299 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1952
July 11	North Reading	Registration and operation of certain bicycles, 1941, 710, s. 1 (G. L. 85, s. 11A)	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1952
July 11	North Reading	Creation of a stabilization fund, 1945, 124 (G. L. 40, s. 5B)	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1952
Aug. 21	Deerfield	Selection of the commissioners of trust funds in certain towns of less than five thousand inhabitants, 1952, 79 (G. L. 41, s. 45A)	Accepted	Aug. 18, 1952
Aug. 21	Deerfield	Sale of certain articles on the Lord's day, G. L. 136, s. 7	Accepted	Aug. 18, 1952
Sept. 5	Chicopee	Discontinuance of the appointment of deputy election officers, 1932, 76, s. 2 (G. L. 54, s. 11A)	Accepted	Sept. 4, 1952
Sept. 5	Chicopee	Appointment of election officers by the city clerk to fill vacancies, 1943, 411, s. 6 (G. L. 54, s. 16A)	Accepted	Sept. 4, 1952
Sept. 9	Holyoke	Display of national flag at polling place during the hours when voting is taking place, G. L. 54, s. 25A	Accepted	Sept. 4, 1952
Oct. 30	Cambridge	Vacations for certain employees of certain cities and towns, 1952, 488 (G. L. 41, s. 111G)	Accepted	Oct. 6, 1952
Nov. 6	Brookton	Salary of city councillors established, 1952, 259, s. 1 (G. L. 39, s. 6A)	Rejected	Nov. 4, 1952
Nov. 6	Chelsea	Salaries of mayor and members of board of aldermen established, 1952, 259, s. 1 (G. L. 39, s. 6A)	Rejected	Nov. 4, 1952
Nov. 6	Lynn	Salary of mayor established, 1952, 259, s. 1 (G. L. 39, s. 6A)	Rejected	Nov. 4, 1952
Nov. 6	Lynn	Salary of city councillors established, 1952, 259, s. 1 (G. L. 39, s. 6A)	Rejected	Nov. 4, 1952
Nov. 6	New Bedford	Salary of city councillors established, 1952, 259, s. 1 (G. L. 39, s. 6A)	Rejected	Nov. 4, 1952
Nov. 6	Peabody	Salary of mayor established, 1952, 259, s. 1 (G. L. 39, s. 6A)	Accepted	Nov. 4, 1952
Nov. 6	Peabody	Salary of city councillors established, 1952, 259, s. 1 (G. L. 39, s. 6A)	Accepted	Nov. 4, 1952
Nov. 6	Salem	Salary of city councillors established, 1952, 259, s. 1 (G. L. 39, s. 6A)	Accepted	Nov. 4, 1952
Nov. 6	Salem	Salary of mayor established, 1952, 259, s. 1 (G. L. 39, s. 6A)	Accepted	Nov. 4, 1952
Nov. 7	Somerville	Salaries of members of the board of aldermen established, 1952, 259, s. 1 (G. L. 39, s. 6A)	Rejected	Nov. 4, 1952
Nov. 7	Waltham	Salary of mayor established, 1952, 259, s. 1 (G. L. 39, s. 6A)	Rejected	Nov. 4, 1952
Nov. 10	Amesbury	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Rejected	Nov. 4, 1952
Nov. 10	Brookline	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Accepted	Nov. 4, 1952
Nov. 10	Methuen	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Accepted	Nov. 4, 1952
Nov. 10	Acton	Vacations for certain municipal employees, G. L. 41, s. 111, as amended	Accepted	Nov. 4, 1952
Nov. 10	Grafton	Vacations for certain municipal employees, G. L. 41, s. 111, as amended	Accepted	Nov. 4, 1952
Nov. 10	Pembroke	Vacations for certain municipal employees, G. L. 41, s. 111, as amended	Accepted	Nov. 4, 1952
Nov. 10	Gay Head	Contributory retirement system for cities and towns, G. L. 32, ss. 1-28, as amended	Accepted	Nov. 4, 1952
Nov. 10	Leyden	Contributory retirement system for cities and towns, G. L. 32, ss. 1-28, as amended	Accepted	Nov. 4, 1952
Dec. 16	Revere	Advances of vacation pay to officers and employees of cities and towns, 1945, 635, s. 3 (G. L. 44, s. 65)	Rejected	Nov. 4, 1952
Dec. 16	Revere	No loss of pay or vacation to certain state and municipal employees in militia, organized reserve of the Army of the United States or of the United States naval Reserve Forces, 1939, 425, s. 1 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	Dec. 8, 1952
Dec. 26	New Bedford	Establishment of planning board, 1947, 340, s. 4 (G. L. 41, s. 81A)	Accepted	Dec. 15, 1952
Dec. 31	New Bedford	Five day week for police in certain cities and towns, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C)	Accepted	Dec. 11, 1952







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ANNUAL REPORT

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OF

MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1954



EDWARD J. CRONIN

Secretary of the Commonwealth

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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, July 1, 1954.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:—*

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, Chapter 9, Section 17, as amended, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954. This report also includes the returns from cities and towns relative to action taken under certain provisions of the General Laws, and returns relative to the acceptance or rejection of certain Special Acts passed by the General Court, which returns were received during the fiscal year 1954.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD J. CRONIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

## LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

### 1954 SESSION OF THE GENERAL COURT

In previous reports I have included a brief summary of such legislation as was enacted during the next prior session of the General Court which was of particular application or interest to the administration of the office of the State Secretary.

During the 1954 session of the General Court there were several measures enacted which are of such general interest and a brief abstract of the same is contained in the following summary.

### 1954 STATUTES RELATIVE TO ELECTIONS

#### *Chapter 31.* Relative to the Filing of Certificates of Nomination.

*The secretary of a political party convention held to endorse candidates for nomination must file a certificate of such endorsement with the acceptances by nominees with the State Secretary within ten days of the termination of such a convention.*

#### *Chapter 32.* Relative to town meetings, inserting articles in warrants and calling of special town meetings.

*Requires selectmen to insert an article in annual town meeting warrants on petition of ten voters, for special meetings on petition of 100 voters or ten percent of voters (if less), and to call special meetings on petition of 200 voters, or 20 percent of voters, whichever is less.*

#### *Chapter 67.* Relative to time for filing petitions for adoption of standard city charters.

*Requires a petition for adoption of standard city charter to be filed with a City Clerk 140 days prior to an election at which a question is to be submitted.*

#### *Chapter 79.* Further Defining the Words "Armed Forces of the United States" for the Purpose of Absent Voting.

*Members of the immediate family of persons in the armed services accompanying such personnel are authorized to vote by absentee ballot if otherwise eligible.*

#### *Chapter 101.* Further Extending the privilege of absent voting.

*Broadens absent voting privilege to those who are absent from city or town during the hours when polls are open upon proper application filed with a city or town clerk, or with the State Secretary.*

*Chapter 102.* Relative to the counting of Absentee Ballots in cities and towns where Voting Machines are used.

*Provides for the counting of absentee ballots where voting machines are used by registrars of voters, after certification that the absent voter has not voted in person.*

*Chapter 114.* Relative to the filing of certificates of nomination and nomination papers for city offices.

*Requires filing of nomination papers and certificates of nomination twenty-one days prior to city elections and in cities other than Boston twenty-eight days before such elections if the city has accepted Section 103A of Chapter 54.*

*Chapter 127.* Restricting the number of times the name of a candidate may appear on official ballots for a particular office.

*Restricts to once the number of times the name of a candidate may appear on official ballots for the same office.*

*Chapter 152.* Relative to restoration of proportional representation in Plan E cities.

*Provides a method for restoring elections by proportional representation in Plan E cities upon petition of ten percent of registered voters.*

*Chapter 155.* Providing for judicial review of boards of appeal proceedings.

*Provides for judicial review by the superior court of proceedings of boards of appeal by amending General Laws Chapter 43, Section 9.*

*Chapter 183.* Relative to the number of signatures required for nomination at State Primaries.

*250 for Congress and Councillor, and for County Offices except in Nantucket and Dukes County,*

*50 for State Senator,*

*25 for Representative in the General Court and limits necessity for certifying names to twenty percent above required number, except for State Senator, for which office it may be one hundred percent.*

*Limits requirement that State Secretary receive nomination papers to the number fixed above.*

*Chapter 223.* Relative to the filing of a certain statement required of certain persons under the Corrupt Practices Law, so called.

*Requires statements under corrupt practices act to be filed by candidates or committees in the city or town where the candidate is a voter.*

*Chapter 224.* Relative to the definition of the term "Political Committee."

*Amends definition of "Political Party" in General Laws Chapter 50, Section 1 by striking out the words "thirty-eight" in line five and substituting the words "twenty-nine."*

*Chapter 225.* Relative to the arrangement of names on ballots.

*Provides that the names of incumbent candidates for re-nomination at a State primary shall be first on the ballot in alphabetical order, whether said incumbents have been elected by the people or by the Senate and House.*

*Chapter 230.* Relative to vacancies in Plan E cities.

*Provides for filling vacancies in elective bodies for unexpired term by remaining members of said bodies.*

*Chapter 272.* Regulating the time for filing certain statements of political expenses of candidates for elective office.

*Extends time for filing statements of expenses by candidates for election from fourteen to sixteen days as has been the law as to primaries.*

*Chapter 287.* Further regulating non-elected political committees.

*Regulates non-elected political committees and requires that name of a candidate be included in title, and requires filing thirty days before election by treasurer and three members, and a consent by the candidate concerned.*

*Chapter 530.* Permitting Campaign contributions by public officers.

*Permits persons holding elective public office to contribute to a candidate or to a political committee.*

*Chapter 644.* Regulating political activities of public employees.

*Prohibits all salaried persons, other than elected officials, in the employ of the Commonwealth, or of any political subdivision thereof, from soliciting or receiving any contribution of value for any political purpose, but permitting such persons to be members of political organizations or committees.*

*Chapter 665.* Relative to the redivision of cities of the Commonwealth into Wards.

*Prohibits new divisions of cities into wards as is permitted in December every tenth year, the last digit of which is four for the calendar year, 1954.*

#### LAWS RELATIVE TO CORPORATIONS ENACTED IN 1954 CONCERNING FILINGS IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE SECRETARY.

*Chapter 72.* An Act Relative to the Dissolution of Housing Authorities.

*Whenever a housing authority determines that there is no further need for its existence, it may vote to dissolve subject to approval by a town meeting or a city government. Then the Chairman of the State Housing Board must report the vote to the State Secretary for dissolution of the authority.*

*Chapter 254.* An Act Making Provisions for Reports by Voluntary Associations and Certain Trusts.

*This act requires voluntary associations and trusts with transferrable shares to file annual reports with the State Tax Commission for approval and filing with the State Secretary for record upon payment of a \$10 filing fee.*

#### MISCELLANEOUS:

Recommendations of this office relative to facilities for housing the Archives of the Commonwealth, fixing the salaries of constitutional officers and establishing a clerical pool in the department of Civil Service and Registration have been referred to committees for study and report to the 1955 session of the General Court.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

As provided in General Laws, Chapter 31, Sections 32 and 33, each department head must file such recommendations as embrace legislative proposals through this office for transmission to the General Court on or before the first Wednesday of November of each calendar year. This department likewise must file such recommendations as require legislation on the same day. In compliance therewith, I shall file such recommendations and reasons in support thereof with the clerk of the House of Representatives on November 3, 1954.

## RECOMMENDED

The measures to be filed include the following:

- A Recommendation for New Quarters to House the Archives.*
- A Provision for Additional Cataloguers in the Archives.*
- A Measure Setting Up an Information Bureau in this Department.*
- An Appropriation to Enable the Supervisor of Public Records to Make Adequate Examinations and Inspections.*
- A Provision for a Continuing Division of Compilation of Laws in this Department.*
- An Adjustment of the Salaries of Constitutional Officers.*
- A Requirement that Non Business Corporations Other than Churches and Schools File Annual Reports.*
- A Provision for Group Life and Disability Insurance for All Persons in the Employ of the Commonwealth.*
- A Measure Permitting the Naming of Additional Deputies in this Department.*
- The Restoration of the Practice Requiring the Publication and Distribution of All State Publications by the State Secretary.*
- A Transfer of All Jurisdiction Over the Issue of Corporate Charters, the Filing of Reports and All Matters Except Taxation of Corporations to This Department*
- A Revision of the Law Relative to Trademarks.*
- A Measure Permitting Unenrolled Voters to Enroll in a Party at Any Time.*
- A Recommendation that Department Heads May Name Both a Confidential Assistant and a Confidential Secretary Not Subject to Civil Service.*

EDWARD J. CRONIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*



REPORT OF ACTIVITIES IN DEPARTMENT  
OF  
THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1954

ACCOUNTS  
FINANCES OF DEPARTMENT

The subjoined financial statements set forth the receipts and disbursements of the Department of the State Secretary for the fiscal year 1953-1954.

It is worthy of note that with receipts of \$850,533.30 and disbursements of \$436,861.32 the Department was more than self sustaining, and in fact earned \$413,671.98. This is the largest excess of income over expense in the history of this Department.

The excess will be smaller in the next fiscal year because of the expense of the state primary and the state election, but it is certain that even in election years the income of this office will exceed the operating expense, as a result of the new fee schedules established by the General Court upon the recommendations of the Secretary.

July 7, 1954.

To the Secretary of the Commonwealth:—

The following table shows in detail receipts from fees, etc. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, all of which were paid into the Treasury daily and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council as required by General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 9, Section 1.

Commissions . . . . .	\$ 32,008 00	
Corporations . . . . .	738,862 83	
Limited Partnerships . . . . .	440 00	
Declaration Trusts . . . . .	7,260 00	
Trade Marks . . . . .	5,925 00	
Sale of Books . . . . .	26,000 72	
Certificates . . . . .	3,765 00	
Military Records . . . . .	15 25	
Copies—Archives . . . . .	\$ 2,934 05	
Corporation . . . . .	12,824 45	15,758 50
Advanced Sheets . . . . .		2,720 00
Vital Statistics . . . . .		7,662 00
Trust Receipts . . . . .		8,922 00
Liens . . . . .		168 00
Miscellaneous . . . . .		1,026 00
		<u>\$850,533 30</u>

Financial Statement Verified

Date September 2, 1954

Approved for Publishing, Ralph E. Houghton, *Acting Comptroller.*

## EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR 1954

0501-01 Secretary's Salary . . . . .	\$ 9,000 00
0501-02 Personal Services and Expenses . . . . .	325,496 25
0502-01 Archives and Photostatic Copies . . . . .	4,974 13
0502-02 Journals of the House . . . . .	2,250 00
0503-01 Printing Acts and Resolves . . . . .	35,864 19
0533-02 Decisions of Supreme Court . . . . .	11,764 70*
0503-03 Printing Public Documents . . . . .	7,092 65*
0504-01 Primaries and Other Elections . . . . .	38,968 30*
0505-01 Medical Examiners Fees . . . . .	1,451 10
Total . . . . .	<u>\$436,861 32</u>

Excess of Receipts over Expenditures \$413,671.98.

\*These items are continuing accounts.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

On or before the first Wednesday of December in each fiscal year every state officer, department, board and commission which is required by law to file an annual report must deposit such report with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The only exceptions are in the few cases where some other date is specifically provided by law for the filing of a report.

During 1953, pursuant to this requirement, the following officers, departments, boards and commissions filed annual reports on or before the first Wednesday of December, 1953:—

Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section D

Trust Companies and Certain Other Financial Institutions—1952

Statistical Reports of the Commissioner of Correction, 1949–50

Directory of Labor Organizations (Department of Labor and Industries) 1953

Elections Statistics Report (Secretary of the Commonwealth) 1952

Trustees, State Library, 1953

Port of Boston Authority, 1953

State Reclamation Board (Department of Agriculture) 1952–53

Commission on Alcoholism—1953

Division of Fisheries and Game, 1953

Purchasing Bureau (Commission on Administration and Finance) 1953

Appellate Tax Board, 1953

Division of the Blind (Department of Education) 1952

Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, 1953

Department of Conservation, 1953

Port of Boston Commission, 1953

Department of Public Health, 1953

Department of Public Safety, 1953

Subsequent to legal filing date, the following reports were received:—

Division of Standards (Department of Labor and Industries) 1953

Department of the Attorney-General, 1953

Division of Registration (Department of Civil Service and Registration) 1953

Board of Registration in Optometry, 1953

Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine, 1953

Department of Mental Health, 1952

Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, 1953

Department of the Auditor, 1953

Board of Dental Examiners, 1953

State Examiners of Electricians—1953

Judicial Council of Massachusetts, 1953

University of Massachusetts, 1953

Division on the Necessaries of Life (Department of Labor and Industries) 1953

Outdoor Advertising Authority, 1953

Commission Against Discrimination, 1953

Board of Registration in Pharmacy, 1953

Board of Registration of Certified Public Accountants, 1953

Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section A, Co-operative Banks and Savings and Loan Associations, 1953

Comptroller's Bureau (Commission on Administration and Finance) 1953

Metropolitan District Assessments (Treasurer and Receiver-General) 1953

Department of Education (Part 2) 1953

Division of Employment Security (Department of Labor and Industries) 1953

Department of Education (Part 1) 1953

Division of Industrial Safety (Department of Labor and Industries) 1953

Finance Commission of the City of Boston, 1953

Division of Apprentice Training (Department of Labor and Industries) 1953

Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, 1953

Board of Registration in Embalming and Funeral Directing, 1953

Boston Arena Authority, 1953

Department of the Attorney-General, 1952  
 Department of Corporations and Taxation, 1949  
 State Racing Commission, 1953  
 Department of the Treasurer and Receiver-General, 1953  
 Elections Statistics Report (Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth) 1953  
 Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section B, Credit Unions, 1953  
 Police Commissioner for City of Boston, 1953  
 University of Massachusetts (Part I) 1953  
 Division of Statistics (Department of Labor and Industries) 1952  
 Board of Library Commissioners (Department of Education) 1953  
 Minimum Wage Commission (Department of Labor and Industries) 1947  
 Minimum Wage Commission (Department of Labor and Industries) 1948  
 Minimum Wage Commission (Department of Labor and Industries) 1949  
 Minimum Wage Commission (Department of Labor and Industries) 1950  
 Minimum Wage Commission (Department of Labor and Industries) 1953  
 Division of Occupational Hygiene (Department of Labor and Industries) 1953  
 Board of Conciliation and Arbitration (Department of Labor and Industries) 1949  
 Board of Conciliation and Arbitration (Department of Labor and Industries) 1950  
 Board of Conciliation and Arbitration (Department of Labor and Industries) 1951  
 Board of Conciliation and Arbitration (Department of Labor and Industries) 1952  
 Board of Conciliation and Arbitration (Department of Labor and Industries) 1953  
 Massachusetts Development and Industrial Commission, 1950  
 Massachusetts Development and Industrial Commission, 1951  
 Massachusetts Development and Industrial Commission Report on the Competitive Position of Massachusetts Industry in the United States and World Markets, 1952  
 Statistics of Municipal Finances (Department of Corporations and Taxation) 1951  
 Vital Statistics of Massachusetts (Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth) 1952

#### ARCHIVES DIVISION

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, there have been made 11 military certificates; 28 typewritten copies; 56,983 photostatic copies of legislative records, maps, plans, corporation records, and veterans' discharges.

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Section 167, as amended, providing for the filing by attorneys of their appearance before the Parole Board in behalf of persons seeking a pardon or parole, thirty-seven attorneys have so filed.

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Section 152, as amended, providing for the filing by the Commissioner of Correction of certified copies of petitions for pardons, paroles, and commutations of sentences, together with other documents pertaining thereto, one hundred and thirty-nine cases have been received and filed.

Under General Laws, Chapter 264, Section 14, providing for the taking of an oath by every person entering the service of the Commonwealth and the filing of such oath in the office of the Secretary, approximately 22,800 oaths have been received and filed.

It is imperative that additional space be allocated to the Archives in order that the historical records of the Commonwealth may be properly safeguarded and that the public may be adequately served.

#### 1954 COMMISSIONS

The number of commissions issued during the year ending June 30, 1954 was 4,991, of which 360 were without fee and 83 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder.

The different classes were as follows:



Notaries Public . . . . .	4,434
Justices of the Peace . . . . .	167
Justices of the Peace designated to solemnize marriages . . . . .	8
Justices of the Peace to issue warrants and take bail . . . . .	11
Associate Justice, Superior Court . . . . .	1
Chief Justice, Municipal Court, City of Boston . . . . .	1
Associate Justice, Municipal Court, City of Boston . . . . .	1
Justice, District Court of Leominster . . . . .	1
Special Justice, East Boston District Court . . . . .	1
Special Justice, First District Court of Bristol . . . . .	1
District Attorney, Norfolk County . . . . .	1
Clerks, District Courts . . . . .	4
Masters in Chancery . . . . .	17
Public Administrators . . . . .	21
Medical Examiners . . . . .	15
Associate Medical Examiners . . . . .	14
Trustees, Commissioners, etc. . . . .	182
Commissioners to Qualify Public Officers . . . . .	4
Special State Police Officers . . . . .	68
Commissioner of Deeds, resident in Other States . . . . .	1
Public Warehouse licenses . . . . .	38
	<hr/> 4,991

Certificates to the number of 10,289 were issued, of which 2,801 were for certificates for which no fees are charged. Forty-one persons re-registered as required under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 7B.

#### CORPORATION DIVISION

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, was 3,926. Said certificates of incorporation are classified as follows:—

Business . . . . .	3,507
Religious, charitable, social, etc. . . . .	381
Fraternal beneficiary . . . . .	2
Church . . . . .	16
Credit union . . . . .	15
Insurance . . . . .	1
Trust company . . . . .	1
Cooperative bank . . . . .	1
Gas . . . . .	1
Water . . . . .	1

The number of certificates of every description filed was 44,830. Said certificates are classified as follows:—

Articles of organization of the 10 classes of corporations mentioned above . . . . .	3,926
Certificate of organization of religious parish . . . . .	1
Business issues . . . . .	761
Business increases . . . . .	308
Business reductions . . . . .	142
Business amendments . . . . .	839
Non-business changes of name . . . . .	69
Religious, charitable, social etc., amendments . . . . .	33
Fraternal beneficiary amendments . . . . .	8
Gas and electric pay. cap. . . . .	2
Gas and electric increases . . . . .	8

Gas and electric reductions	2
Business consolidations	14
Business mergers	10
Conditions	31,144
Social and athletic corporation reports	3,096
Foreign increases	23
Foreign reductions	68
Foreign power attorney by person or partnership	13
Trust receipt financing statements	2,974
Liens	56
Voluntary association trust reports	726
Trade-marks	226
Assignments of trade-marks	11
Limited partnerships	44
Gas and electric approval of issue, etc.	29
Water co. approval of issue, etc.	2
Railroad and street railway approval of issue, etc.	3
Telephone	1
Contracts of railroad and street railway companies	18
Appoint agent (American Legion)	1
Appoint administrator of Roman Catholic Church	2
Certificates of clerks of various courts relative to dissolution of corporations (covering 3,325 corporations)	14
Petition for surrender of charter and dissolution	1
Certificates of revival of corporations	212
Certificates of consent to change of location of social and athletic corporations	42
Certificate of Special Act	1
	<hr/> 44,830
Non-business charters withheld	11
Non-business applications for incorporation withdrawn	9
Non-business applications for change of name withdrawn	1
Certified copies supplied	4,670
Special certificates supplied	680

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND AGENTS' EXPENSES

In compliance with General Laws (Tercentenary Edition) Chapter 3, Sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relative to the filing of legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation, there were during or following the 1954 session of the General Court 309 entries made in the dockets, a decrease of 30 compared with 1953. Returns for the 1954 session were not received until after the close of the session and the close of the Fiscal Year 1953-1954.

Returns covering 304 entries were received from persons, associations or corporations employing legislative counsel or agents. Three employers who failed to file returns within the time prescribed by law and two employers whose returns appear not to conform to law, have been reported to the Attorney General.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel or agents was \$269,007.24. Of this amount \$69,285 represents annual salaries or retainers of regular employees apportioned and \$7,200 unapportioned, and \$192,522.24 payments in connection with legislation only. Eighteen employers stated that they paid nothing.

## PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, RESPITES, REQUISITIONS, ETC.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the year was 44: of which 39 were full and complete; 1 conditional discharge from the Danvers State Hospital; 2 commutations; 2 remanders.

There were 65 requisitions issued upon other States: 1 upon the Secretary of the Navy of the United States; 1 upon the Chief Justice of the District Court of the United States of America; 3 upon the Secretary of Defense of the United States of America; and 24 warrants were issued upon requisitions from other States.

## PROCLAMATIONS

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. For the observance of each of the following 10,500 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks:—Commodore John Barry Day, September 13, 1953; Constitution Day, September 17, 1953; Pulaski Day, October 11, 1953; United Nations Day, October 24, 1953; American Education Week, November 8–14, 1953; Armistice Day, November 11, 1953; Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 1953; Civil Rights Week, December 8–15, 1953; New Orleans Day, January 8, 1954; Lincoln Day, February 12, 1954; Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1954; One Hundred and Eighty-fourth Anniversary of the Boston Massacre, March 5, 1954; Peter Francisco Day, March 15, 1954; Evacuation Day, March 17, 1954; Patriots' Day, April 19, 1954; Loyalty Day, May 1, 1954; Polish Constitution Day, May 3, 1954; La Fayette Day, May 20, 1954; Memorial Day, May 30, 1954; Flag Day, June 14, 1954 and Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1954. August 12, 1953 was designated as Indian Day and 6,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. For the observance of Arbor and Bird Day, April 30, 1954, 10,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 4–10, 1953 and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices.

March 12, 1954 was set apart by His Excellency the Governor as Student Government Day, and 5,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were printed and distributed to the schools.

A proclamation was issued to the press by His Excellency the Governor closing all sections of the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth lying east of the Connecticut River at 6:00 P.M., Eastern Daylight Saving Time, on July 3, 1953 to all persons except the owners and tenants of such forests and woodlands and their agents or employees or persons holding written permission from such owners or tenants to enter thereon for any purpose not prohibited by law, due to a serious fire hazard which existed in some of the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth by reason of extreme drought, and proclaiming a closed season on all fishing, except as provided, hunting and trapping, and prohibiting the possession of firearms on the property of another during the continuance of the proclamation except that fishing from boats shall not be prohibited in any inland water which can be reached without entering any woodland.

A proclamation was issued to the press by His Excellency the Governor re-opening all sections of forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth, lying east of the Connecticut River commencing at 6:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Daylight Time, on July 13, 1953 and all effective seasons on hunting, trapping and fishing, and allowing the possession of firearms on the property of others, since sufficient rain had fallen to remove the fire hazard which existed in the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth by reason of extreme drought.



On July 14, 1953 a proclamation was issued by the Governor to the press appointing Mr. Benjamin Green, representing industry, Mr. Alfred Borges, representing labor and Mr. William S. Lynch, representing the general public as an emergency board of arbitration for the labor dispute existing between Local 396, Utility Workers of America, C.I.O., and their employer, the Montaup Electric Company, as a substantial interruption in the distribution of essential goods, namely electric power, was then imminent, and as such interruption would curtail the availability of essential electric power to such an extent as to endanger the health or safety of the communities of Fall River, Dighton, Somerset, Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, West Bridgewater, Swansea, Westport, Brockton, Easton, Abington, Rockland, Avon, Cohasset, Halifax, Hanover, Hanson, Norwell, Pembroke, Scituate, Stoughton and Whitman, and as the intervention of government would be in the public interest and in accordance with the policy declared by the General Court in Chapter 150B of the General Laws, as inserted by Chapter 596 of the Acts of 1947.

A proclamation was issued by the Governor on July 31, 1953 ordering the Commissioner of Public Safety to take immediate possession of twelve Greater Boston milk companies under the authority of the Slichter Act after a breakdown of negotiations between Local 380, Milk Wagon Drivers, Creamery and Ice Cream Workers, American Federation of Labor, and their employers, the Whiting Milk Company, the Seven Oaks Dairy Company, the United Farmers of New England, Incorporated, White Brothers, J. F. Cashin and Company, Weiler-Sterling Farms Company, Deerfoot Farms, Herlihy Brothers, Incorporated, Putnam Brothers, M. S. Cosgrove and Sons, McAdams Dairy Products, and the Walker-Gordon Laboratories of New England, Incorporated, as a substantial interruption in the distribution of essential goods or services was imminent and as such interruption would curtail the availability of essential milk to such an extent as to endanger the health or safety of the Commonwealth and of the communities contained therein, including the area from Cape Cod to the North Shore, and as the intervention of government would be in the public interest and in accordance with the policy declared by the General Court in Chapter 150B of the General Laws, as inserted by the Acts of 1947, Chapter 596.

A proclamation was issued to the press by His Excellency the Governor closing all sections of the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth at 12:00 noon, Eastern Daylight Saving Time, on September 1, 1953 to all persons except the owners and tenants of such forests and woodlands and their agents or employees or persons holding written permission from such owners or tenants to enter thereon for any purpose not prohibited by law, due to a serious fire hazard which existed in some of the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth by reason of extreme drought, and proclaiming a closed season on all fishing, except as provided, hunting and trapping, and prohibiting the possession of firearms on the property of another during the continuance of the proclamation except that fishing from boats, wharfs, piers and causeways shall not be prohibited in any inland water which can be reached without entering any woodland.

A proclamation was issued to the press by His Excellency the Governor reopening all sections of forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth at 6:00 P.M., Eastern Standard Daylight Time, on September 14, 1953 and all effective seasons on hunting, trapping and fishing, and allowing the possession of firearms on the property of others, since sufficient rain had fallen to remove the fire hazard which existed in the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth by reason of extreme drought.

A proclamation was issued to the press by His Excellency the Governor closing all sections of the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth at 12:00 noon, on October 19, 1953 to all persons except the owners and tenants of such forests and woodlands and their agents or employees or persons holding written permission from such owners or tenants to enter thereon for any purpose not prohibited by law, due to a serious fire hazard which existed in the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth by reason of extreme drought, and proclaiming a closed season



on all fishing, except as provided, hunting and trapping, and prohibiting the possession of firearms on the property of another during the continuance of the proclamation except that fishing from boats, wharfs, piers and causeways shall not be prohibited in any inland water which can be reached without entering any woodland.

A proclamation was issued to the press by His Excellency the Governor reopening all sections of the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth at 6:00 A.M., Eastern Standard Time, on October 26, 1953 and all effective seasons on hunting and fishing, and allowing the possession of firearms on the property of others, since sufficient rain had fallen to remove the fire hazard which existed in the forests and woodlands of the Commonwealth by reason of extreme drought.

Proclamations were issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press for the following:—National Softball Week, July 12–19, 1953; Vegetable Week, July 30–August 8, 1953; Jimmy Time, September 1–15, 1953; Union Label Week, September 7–13, 1953; National Home Week, September 20–27, 1953; Roxbury Day, September 26, 1953; Firemen's Muster Day, September 27, 1953; New England Tobacco Week, September 27–October 3, 1953; Liberation Day, September 30, 1953; Eye Research Month, the month of October, 1953; National Newspaper Boy Day, October 3, 1953; Cranberry Week, October 4–10, 1953; National Letter Writing Week, October 4–10, 1953; Pharmacy Week, October 4–10, 1953; Emergencies Don't Wait Week, October 5–11, 1953; National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, October 4–10, 1953; Business Women's Week, October 11–17, 1953; Massachusetts Oil Progress Week, October 11–17, 1953; Credit Union Day, October 15, 1953; Religion in American Life Month, the month of November, 1953; American Art Week, November 1–7, 1953; National Flower Week, November 1–8, 1953; Muscular Dystrophy Month, the period of November 2–26, 1953; Massachusetts Retail Grocers Week, the week beginning November 8, 1953; Truck Transportation Week, November 16–22, 1953; March of Dimes Month, the month of January, 1954; Good Neighbor Day, January 1, 1954; Big Brother Week, January 10–17, 1954; National Thrift Week, January 17–23, 1954; YMCA Week, January 24–30, 1954; National V.F.W. Week, January 24–30, 1954; Junior Achievement Week, January 31–February 6, 1954; Heart Month, the month of February, 1954; Children's Dental Health Day, February 1, 1954; Crusade for Freedom, the period from February 12–22, 1954; Boy Scout Week, February 7–13, 1954; Negro History Week, February 7–14, 1954; Thomas Alva Edison Day, February 11, 1954; Republic of Lithuania Day, February 16, 1954; Brotherhood Week, February 21–28, 1954; Red Cross Month, March 1–31, 1954; President's Day, March 4, 1954; World Day of Prayer, March 5, 1954; Save Your Vision Week, March 7–13, 1954; ORT Day, March 8, 1954; Camp Fire Girls' Birthday Week, March 14–20, 1954; Easter Seal Month, March 18 to Easter Sunday, April 18, 1954; Greek Independence Day, March 25, 1954; Boys' Club Week, March 29–April 4, 1954; World Jewish Child's Day, April 4, 1954; Bataan Day, April 9, 1954; Humane Sunday, April 25, 1954 and Be Kind to Animals Week, April 26–May 1, 1954; Massachusetts Social Hygiene Day, April 28, 1954; National Sports Festival, April 30–May 16, 1954; Elks Youth Day, May 1, 1954; Child Health Day, May 1, 1954; Cerebral Palsy Month, the month of May, 1954; Audubon Week, the first week of May, 1954; Mental Health Month, May 2–31, 1954; Senior Citizens Week, May 2–8, 1954; English High School Association Day, May 3, 1954; National Hospital Week, May 9–15, 1954; Massachusetts State Mothers' Week, May 9–15, 1954; Armed Forces Day, May 15, 1954; Women Veterans' Day, May 16, 1954; New England Textile Week, May 16–23, 1954; Letters from America Week, May 17–23, 1954; Clean-Up, Paint-Up Safety Days, May 21–31, 1954; National Maritime Day, May 22, 1954; Jersey Week, May 30–June 5, 1954; June Dairy Month, the month of June, 1954; Natural Resources Week, June 6–12, 1954; Truck Safety Week, June 7–11, 1954; Fraternal Week, June 13–19, 1954; Baltic States Freedom Day, June 15, 1954; Father's Day, June 20, 1954 and Advertising Week, June 20–27, 1954.

## PUBLIC DOCUMENT DIVISION

During the fiscal year 1954, the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division: *Reports*: 24,017 copies of the Public Document Series, representing twenty-two reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions; *Laws*: 9,000 copies of the 1953 bound edition of the Acts and Resolves, commonly called the Blue Book; 10,048 copies of the 1953 pamphlet edition of the Acts and Resolves; 7,000 copies of the 1953 Supplement to the Laws Relating to Insurance and Insurance Companies; 7,175 copies of the 1953 Supplement to the Laws Relating to Retirement Systems and Pensions; 4,934 copies of the Statutes Relating to Savings Banks and Institutions for Savings, 1952; *Veterans Proceedings*: 606 copies of the Proceedings of the Fifty-third Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1952; 900 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-fourth Annual Convention, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1952; 651 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-second Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1952; 611 copies of the Proceedings of the Eighth Annual Convention, American Veterans of World War II, Department of Massachusetts, 1952; 604 copies of the Ninth Annual Convention, American Veterans of World War II, Department of Massachusetts, 1953; 600 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-third Annual Convention, The Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Department of Massachusetts, 1953; *Journals and Manuals*: 600 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, 1953, total, 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Volume 28, 1751-52; 5,180 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance on Promotional Examinations in the Police Service in Cities and Towns, 1953-A Edition, 5,090 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Police Service in Cities and Towns, 1954; 5,116 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Fire Service in Cities and Towns, 1953; *Massachusetts Reports*: 475 copies of Volume 329, Massachusetts Reports; *Miscellaneous*: 1,000 copies of Minimum Curriculum and Syllabus for Schools of Practical Nursing, 1953; 249 copies of the Addresses and Messages to the General Court, Proclamations, Public Addresses, Official Statements and Correspondence of General Interest of His Excellency Governor Paul A. Dever, 1949 to 1952; making a grand total of 84,756 copies.

The sale of Massachusetts Reports surplus volumes on hand, as authorized by Chapter 57, Resolves of 1950, commenced on January 1, 1951. Of the approximate number of copies available for sale, namely, 90,000, about 3,065 were sold during the fiscal year.

## PUBLIC RECORDS DIVISION

This year, due to lack of sufficient appropriation, the Supervisor of Public Records has been unable to visit with the Record Custodians except in a limited number of places, and these visits were made at his own expense.

*Standard Record Ink*

This department furnishes approved standard record ink for use on public records in the several departments and offices of the Commonwealth and of the counties, cities and towns, in which such records are kept, in accordance with General Laws (Ter. Ed.), Chapter 66, Section 2. Ink supplied to the departments and offices of the Commonwealth is paid for by this department; ink supplied to the counties, cities and towns is paid for by the individual county, city or town.

Violations of Section 4 of Chapter 66, which forbids the use on public records of other than approved standard record ink have been observed. This division has notified all offenders as to the provisions of said Section 4.

A new method of distribution of Record Ink has been arranged. Offices in and near the State House may pick up the ink at Room 252, State House. This will result in a saving on delivery charges and faster service.

*Repairing and Binding*

In keeping with the policy of doing some binding in the Archives each year several volumes have been repaired and rebound.

Recommendations for repairing and binding, the necessity for which was observed during inspections, have been made to the proper persons. More volumes of the Massachusetts archives have been rebound and others will be rebound, subject to the amount appropriated.

*Carbon Paper*

Revised copies of the list of the brand names of approved carbon papers, the use of which is authorized by Chapter 310 of the Acts of 1950, are available at this office.

*Typewriter Ribbons*

Revised copies of the list of approved typewriter ribbons are available at this office wherein the approved typewriter ribbons are identified as having successfully passed the 48-hour Fade-Ometer test.

*Stamp Pads and Stamp Pad Inks*

Revised copies of the list of approved brands of stamp pads and stamp pad inks are available at this office.

Purchasing agents and other interested persons of the various State departments, cities and towns have been supplied with copies of the above mentioned lists.

*Safes and Vaults*

This division has available for distribution on request specifications for the construction of fire-proof safes and vaults based on recommendations proposed by the National Fire Protection Association. All improvements to present installations must be completed according to the standards required for new construction.

In several instances new vaults have been recommended to replace antiquated safes and many doors have been changed to the approved 6-hour type.

## REFERENDA

## INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS

There were no initiative or referendum petitions filed for the fiscal year 1953-4.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS

By General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 30, Section 37, as amended by Chapter 556 of the Acts of 1951 and Chapter 30, Section 37A, inserted by Chapter 576 of the Acts of 1951, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, or to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law, additional rules and regulations were filed by the following departments, boards and commissions during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954: Department of Banking and Insurance, Department of Civil Service and Registration, Department of Education, Department of Labor and Industries, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Utilities, Department of Public Welfare, Department of Public Works, Appellate Tax Board, Division of Employment Security, Commission on Administration and Finance, Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission, Milk Control Commission and State Racing Commission. The 1952 report listed all rules and regulations on file to June 30, 1952 and the same continue in full force and effect except for such changes as are indicated by the reports here listed as filed between July 1, 1953 and June 30, 1954. The full list on file to June 30, 1954 is as follows:



## RULES AND REGULATIONS

DEPARTMENTS WHICH HAVE FILED RULES AND REGULATIONS  
IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1954

1. Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
2. Appellate Tax Board
3. Commission on Administration and Finance
4. Department of Agriculture
  - Agricultural Experiment Station, Massachusetts State College
  - Division of Livestock Disease Control
  - Milk Regulation Board
5. Department of Banking and Insurance
  - Division of Loan Agencies
  - Division of Co-operative Banks
  - Division of Insurance
6. Department of Civil Service and Registration
  - Board of Registration of Barbers
  - Board of Registration in Chiropody (Podiatry)
  - Board of Dental Examiners
  - State Examiners of Electricians
  - Board of Registration in Embalming and Funeral Directing
  - Board of Registration in Hairdressers
  - Board of Registration in Medicine
  - Board of Registration in Optometry
  - Board of Registration in Pharmacy
  - Board of State Examiners of Plumbers
  - Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
7. Department of Education
8. Department of Labor and Industries
  - Division of Minimum Wage
  - Minimum Wage Commission
  - Division of Standards and Necessaries of Life
9. Department of Natural Resources
10. Department of Public Health
11. Department of Public Safety
  - State Fire Marshal
  - Board of Boiler Rules
  - State Boxing Commission
  - Board of Elevator Regulations
12. Department of Public Utilities
13. Department of Public Welfare
14. Department of Public Works
  - Bureau of Public Works Airport Management
  - Registry of Motor Vehicles
15. Division of Employment Security
  - Board of Review
16. Licensing Board for the City of Boston
17. Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission
  - Massachusetts State Airport Management Board
18. Metropolitan District Commission
19. Milk Control Commission
20. Sergeant-at-Arms
21. State Racing Commission .



## VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 46, Section 17, returns of births, marriages and deaths from 351 cities and towns and births and deaths from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury for the year 1953 were received and total 105,145 births and 36,716 marriages, a decrease of 12 births and a decrease of 980 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1952.

Under the provisions of the same statute 52,551 certified copies of deaths were received, a decrease of 69, as compared with the records of 1952.

Medical Examiners' returns for 1953 cover 11,544, a decrease of 476 as compared with returns for 1952.

Returns by Clerks of Courts and Registers of Probate of the decrees of divorce granted during 1953 number 6,222, a decrease of 781, as compared with the returns of 1952.

From July 1, 1953 to June 30, 1954, 10,145 certificates of births, 2,059 certificates of marriages and 2,851 certificates of deaths were issued, a total of 15,061 certified copies. Besides these 5,703 were certified abstracts given the Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims without fee.

In addition to the above, 3,946 records were verified for various government agencies.

The demand for records for military purposes, social security, aid and relief, school and other purposes still continues.

There were 51,017 requests for records during this period.

A total of \$8,648.10 was received by this Division during this fiscal period. Of this amount, \$7,530.50 was for certified copies of births, marriages and death records; \$115.50 for certifications of exact copies of records and for exemplified statements; and \$1,002.10 was refunded to the remitters because excessive amounts were sent in or the requested service could not be rendered. 19,743 card abstracts of birth records for school, employment, enlistment, welfare and civil service purposes were issued without charge.

There were 7,826 references of records of marriages and deaths issued without fee for welfare, old age assistance, employment and insurance purposes.

There were 10,849 delayed records of birth and corrections of birth records, 1,020 corrections of marriages and 249 corrections of death records.

Returns of 4,096 names changed in 1953 as decreed by the courts were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, Chapter 210, Section 12.

## MISCELLANEOUS

The reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Election Statistics (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

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ALSO

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION  
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THE GENERAL COURT

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RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1953					
July 1	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act relative to rent control (1953, 434)	June 22, 1953	-1	-
July 1	City Clerk, Marlborough	Same act as above (1953, 434)	June 17, 1953	-2	-
July 1	City Clerk, Waltham	Same act as above (1953, 434)	June 18, 1953	-2	-
July 2	City Clerk, Revere	Same act as above (1953, 434)	June 22, 1953	-1	-
July 2	City Clerk, Boston	Same act as above (1953, 434)	June 30, 1953	-2	-
July 2	City Clerk, Brockton	Same act as above (1953, 434)	June 25, 1953	-2	-
July 2	City Clerk, Medford	Same act as above (1953, 434)	June 30, 1953	-1	-
July 3	City Clerk, Taunton	Same act as above (1953, 434)	June 29, 1953	-2	-
July 3	Town Clerk, West Springfield	Same act as above (1953, 434)	June 29, 1953	-3	-
July 3	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act authorizing the city of Somerville to borrow money for the construction of a stadium (1953, 431)	June 26, 1953	-4	-
July 15	City Clerk, Boston	An Act placing under the State—Boston retirement system certain persons designated by the judges of probate in Suffolk County to serve warrants for the arrest and commitment of insane and other persons (1953, 572)	July 14, 1953	-2	-
July 17	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act making certain changes relative to the retirement act of the city of Worcester (1953, 520)	July 14, 1953	-1	-
July 22	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act relative to the retirement allowance of Nils Swenson, a former custodian of the library of the town of Natick (1953, 127)	July 14, 1953	-5	-
July 22	City Clerk, Beverly	An Act relative to rent control (1953, 434)	July 10, 1953	-2	-
July 22	City Clerk, Chelsea	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 15, 1953	-4	-
July 23	City Clerk, Chicopee	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 14, 1953	-4	-
July 23	City Clerk, Everett	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 13, 1953	-4	-
July 27	City Clerk, Fall River	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 24, 1953	-2	-
July 27	Assistant City Clerk, Gloucester	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 13, 1953	-1	-
July 27	Assistant City Clerk, Haverhill	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 14, 1953	-1	-
July 27	City Clerk, Holyoke	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 17, 1953	-4	-
July 28	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act relative to rent control (1953, 434)	July 20, 1953	-1	-
July 28	City Clerk, Lowell	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 14, 1953	-1	-
July 28	City Clerk, Lynn	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 14, 1953	-1	-
July 28	City Clerk, Malden	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 1, 1953	-2	-
July 29	Town Clerk, Maynard	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 27, 1953	-3	-
July 29	Town Clerk, Marblehead	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 27, 1953	-3	-
July 30	City Clerk, New Bedford	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 28, 1953	-1	-
July 30	City Clerk, North Adams	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 28, 1953	-1	-
July 30	Assistant City Clerk, Quincy	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 24, 1953	-1	-
July 30	City Clerk, Pittsfield	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 23, 1953	-2	-
July 30	City Clerk, Somerville	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 22, 1953	-4	-



July 30	Town Clerk, Shrewsbury	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 27, 1953	3	
Aug. 3	Town Clerk, Webster	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 30, 1953	3	
Aug. 3	City Clerk, Westfield	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 30, 1953	3	
Aug. 3	Town Clerk, Winthrop	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 6, 1953	3	
Aug. 3	City Clerk, Woburn	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 20, 1953	3	
Aug. 3	City Clerk, Worcester	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 7, 1953	3	
Aug. 3	Town Clerk, Brookline	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 28, 1953	3	
Aug. 3	Town Clerk, Easthampton	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 29, 1953	3	
Aug. 3	Town Clerk, Holliston	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 29, 1953	3	10
Aug. 3	Town Clerk, Whitman	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 29, 1953	3	40
Aug. 3	City Clerk, Attleboro	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 28, 1953	3	148
Aug. 3	City Clerk, Worcester	Same act as above (1953, 434)	July 7, 1953	3	110
		An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to use a portion of the public common for the purpose of establishing a public way between Franklin and Front streets to join Portland and Commercial streets in said city (1953, 584)			
Aug. 14	City Clerk, Fitchburg	An Act relative to rent control (1953, 434)	July 28, 1953	1	
Aug. 14	City Clerk, Gardner	Same act as above (1953, 434)	Aug. 10, 1953	2	
Sept. 3	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act to exempt the real estate of the Ministry-at-Large in Lowell from municipal taxes (1953, 602)	July 21, 1953	2	
Sept. 9	City Clerk, Medford	An Act relative to granting vacations to employees who return to the service of certain counties, cities or towns after serving in the armed forces of the United States during the period of the hostilities in Korea (1953, 346)	Sept. 1, 1953	1	
Sept. 16	Clerk, Bourne Water District, Bourne	An Act extending the boundaries of the Bourne Water District in the town of Bourne (1953, 497)	Sept. 1, 1953	1	
Oct. 1	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act relative to granting vacations to employees who return to the service of certain counties, cities or towns after serving in the armed forces of the United States during the period of the hostilities in Korea (1953, 346)	Sept. 14, 1953	3	
Oct. 15	Clerk, The Proprietors of Arlington Street Church, Boston	An Act to enable The Proprietors of Arlington Street Church to add to their membership persons who are not proprietors of pews (1953, 228)	Sept. 29, 1953	1	
Oct. 22	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act authorizing the city of Springfield to reimburse the widow of John W. Connors for the expenses of his funeral (1953, 511)	May 6, 1953	10	
Oct. 22	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act authorizing the city of Springfield to increase the pension of John Brook, a former member of the police department of said city (1953, 531)	Oct. 19, 1953	1	
Oct. 23	Town Clerk, Acushnet	An Act relative to rent control (1953, 434)	Oct. 19, 1953	1	
Nov. 5	Town Clerk, Shrewsbury	An Act to establish in the town of Shrewsbury representative town government by limited town meetings (1953, 553)	Sept. 30, 1953	1	
Nov. 5	Town Clerk, Shrewsbury	An Act establishing a selectmen-town manager form of government for the town of Shrewsbury (1953, 559)	Nov. 3, 1953	3	
Nov. 13	Stoughton	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Nov. 3, 1953	3	
Nov. 20	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act providing for the initiative and referendum for the city of Northampton (1953, 63)	Nov. 3, 1953	3	2,249
Nov. 20	Town Clerk, Framingham	An Act relative to rent control (1953, 434)	Nov. 27, 1953	3	4,962
Nov. 23	Town Clerk, Athol	Same act as above (1953, 434)	Aug. 21, 1953	3	1,844
			Sept. 21, 1953	3	755

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WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1953					
Dec. 7	Town Clerk, Wenham . . .	An Act relative to increasing the amount of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Mar. 2, 1953	— <sup>5</sup>	—
Dec. 7	City Clerk, Woburn . . .	An Act relative to the number and terms of office of members of the school committee of the city of Woburn (1953, 128)	Nov. 3, 1953	4,336	3,393
Dec. 7	City Clerk, Woburn . . .	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of superintendent of public works of the city of Woburn under the civil service laws (1953, 257)	Nov. 3, 1953	5,786	2,425
Dec. 10	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act further regulating the licensing of dealers in second hand motor vehicles in the city of Boston (1953, 349)	Dec. 8, 1953	— <sup>2</sup>	—
Dec. 15	City Clerk, Holyoke . . .	An Act relative to granting vacations to employees who return to the service of certain counties, cities or towns after serving in the armed forces of the United States during the period of the hostilities in Korea (1953, 346)	Dec. 1, 1953	— <sup>6</sup>	—
Dec. 17	City Clerk, Boston . . .	An Act relative to the establishment, reorganization and abolition of executive departments and administrative boards and officers of the city of Boston (1953, 473)	Dec. 16, 1953	— <sup>3</sup>	—
1954					
Jan. 4	City Clerk, Westfield . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Westfield to appropriate money for the payment of, and to pay, certain unpaid bills (1953, 237)	Dec. 30, 1953	— <sup>1</sup>	—
Mar. 4	City Clerk, Waltham . . .	An Act providing for party nominations for elective municipal officers in the city of Waltham (1953, 133)	Nov. 3, 1953	2,916	5,051
Mar. 8	City Clerk, Beverly . . .	An Act relative to rent control (1953, 434)	Mar. 4, 1954	— <sup>4</sup>	—
Mar. 9	Town Clerk, Braintree . . .	An Act authorizing the submission to the voters of the town of Braintree at the annual election of a certain question pertaining to the fluoride supplementation of its water supply (1954, 51)	Mar. 1, 1954	1,527	1,857
Mar. 12	City Clerk, Worcester . . .	An Act relative to tenure of office of the present incumbent of the office of second assistant city clerk in the city of Worcester (1954, 96)	Mar. 9, 1954	— <sup>1</sup>	—
Mar. 15	Town Clerk, Sherborn . . .	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Mar. 8, 1954	— <sup>3</sup>	—
Mar. 15	Town Clerk, Athol . . .	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Mar. 1, 1954	— <sup>3</sup>	—
Mar. 19	City Clerk, Melrose . . .	An Act amending the charter of the city of Melrose relative to reports of sanitary conditions and safety of schoolhouses (1954, 142)	Mar. 17, 1954	— <sup>4</sup>	—
Mar. 21	Assistant City Clerk, Fall River . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Fall River to sell and convey a portion of Maplewood Park to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Fall River (1954, 160)	Mar. 19, 1954	— <sup>2</sup>	—
Mar. 22	Town Clerk, Lincoln . . .	An Act restricting the use of lands abutting the highway known as Route 2 in the towns of Lincoln and Concord (1952, 402)	Mar. 6, 1954	473	186
Mar. 23	City Clerk, Somerville . . .	An Act relative to the continuation of rent control (1954, 496)	July 22, 1954	— <sup>4</sup>	—
Mar. 24	Town Clerk, Framingham . . .	An Act providing that town meeting members of the town of Framingham may be candidates for re-election (1953, 609)	Mar. 12, 1954	— <sup>3</sup>	—

Mar. 31	Town Clerk, Milton	An Act providing that elective town officers in the town of Milton may be elected to the board of water commissioners (1954, 146)	Mar.	13, 1954	-	-
Mar. 31	City Clerk, Waltham	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Jan.	12, 1954	-	-
Mar. 31	Town Clerk, East Longmeadow	An Act to authorize the placing of the office of the chief of the police department of the town of East Longmeadow under the civil service laws (1953, 265)	Feb.	8, 1954	264	38
Mar. 31	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act placing the office of veterans' agent and director of veterans' services in the city of Pittsfield under the civil service laws (1954, 82)	Feb.	11, 1954	-	-
Mar. 31	Town Clerk, Falmouth	An Act authorizing a city or town to grant annuities and to increase certain retirement allowances, pensions and annuities of certain officials and employees or to their surviving spouses or children (1953, 387)	Feb.	10, 1954	-	-
Mar. 31	Town Clerk, Orleans	An Act authorizing the town of Orleans to supply itself and its inhabitants with water (1953, 418)	Feb.	18, 1954	-	-
Mar. 31	Town Clerk, Sharon	An Act authorizing the selectmen of the town of Sharon to act as a board of public works exercising the powers of certain other boards and town officers (1954, 41)	Mar.	1, 1954	1,138	391
Apr. 7	Town Clerk, Watertown	An Act providing that certain employees of the town of Watertown shall not be subject to the civil service laws (1954, 94)	Mar.	29, 1954	-	-
Apr. 9	City Clerk, Medford	An Act relative to the continuation of rent control (1954, 496)	Apr.	6, 1954	-	-
Apr. 9	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to use a certain portion of Institute Park for the purposes of a fire station and training ground (1954, 125)	Apr.	6, 1954	-	-
Apr. 9	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to reinstate James F. Duffy as a member of the fire department for the sole purpose of retirement (1954, 242)	Apr.	6, 1954	-	-
Apr. 25	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to construct a municipal auditorium in said city (1954, 164)	Mar.	23, 1954	-	-
Apr. 25	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act relative to the continuation of rent control (1954, 496)	Apr.	22, 1954	-	-
May 3	City Clerk, Everett	An Act relative to the continuation of rent control (1954, 496)	Apr.	29, 1954	-	-
May 17	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act authorizing the town of Natick to use certain park land for school purposes (1954, 27)	Mar.	23, 1954	-	-
May 17	City Clerk, Waltham	An Act authorizing cities and towns to establish commissions to promote business and industry, and to appropriate money therefor (1954, 297)	May	4, 1954	-	-
May 19	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act to provide for the filling of vacancies in the full number of town meeting members in the town of Natick (1954, 25)	Apr.	27, 1954	-	-
May 21	Town Clerk, Amherst	An Act establishing a town manager form of government for the town of Amherst (1951, 11)	Feb.	16, 1953	779	766
May 21	Secretary-Treasurer, Advisory Board of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, Boston	An Act authorizing the Metropolitan Transit Authority to erect and maintain a station to be known as Science Park Station (1954, 359)	May	14, 1954	-	-
May 26	Assistant City Clerk, Somerville	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	May	19, 1954	-	-
May 26	Town Clerk, Scituate	An Act establishing a selectmen-manager form of government for the town of Scituate (1953, 417)	Mar.	8, 1954	1,030	1,506
May 26	Town Clerk, Concord	An Act establishing a selectmen-manager form of government for the town of Concord (1952, 280)	Feb.	24, 1953	676	935

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WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1954					
May 26	Town Clerk, Holden	An Act to establish the selectmen-town manager form of government in the town of Holden (1951, 406)	Mar. 3, 1952	1,207	991
May 27	Town Clerk, Stoneham	An Act establishing a town manager form of government for the town of Stoneham (1951, 50)	Mar. 2, 1953	1,484	1,774
May 28	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act relative to the continuation of rent control (1954, 496)	May 25, 1954	-1	-
June 1	City Clerk, Boston	An Act permitting James Paul Dallas to become a member of the State-Boston retirement system (1954, 423)	May 28, 1954	-2	-
June 1	Town Clerk, Wakefield	An Act establishing in the town of Wakefield representative town government by limited town meetings (1953, 541)	Mar. 1, 1954	1,804	2,570
June 2	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the amount of pensions of laborers employed by the city of Boston and retired under a certain special law (1954, 420)	June 1, 1954	-2	-
June 14	Assistant City Clerk, Quincy	An Act authorizing the city of Quincy to lease certain portions of the property acquired by it from the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company (1954, 154)	June 7, 1954	-1	-
June 15	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act relative to the continuation of rent control (1954, 496)	June 14, 1954	-1	-
June 18	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for the recognition of certain service rendered by dentists and dental hygienists in the city of Boston as creditable service under certain retirement systems (1954, 424)	June 16, 1954	-2	-
June 21	Town Clerk, Saugus	An Act providing that vacancies in the finance committee in the town of Saugus shall be filled by the moderator (1954, 144)	June 7, 1954	-3	-
June 21	Town Clerk, Saugus	An Act authorizing cities and towns to establish commissions to promote business and industry, and to appropriate money therefor (1954, 297)	June 7, 1954	-3	-
June 21	City Clerk, Medford	An Act relative to the continuation of rent control (1954, 496)	June 15, 1954	-1	-
June 23	Chairman, Middlesex Commissioners	An Act relative to the payment of a sum of money by the county commissioners of Middlesex county to Charles H. McSweeney of Belmont (1954, 55)	June 18, 1954	-12	-
June 30	Assistant Clerk, Bristol County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of Bristol county to pay a certain sum of money to Olive Nerney (1954, 380)	June 29, 1954	-10	-

<sup>1</sup>Accepted by the city council.

<sup>2</sup>Accepted by the mayor and city council.

<sup>3</sup>Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.

<sup>4</sup>Accepted by the mayor and board of aldermen.

<sup>5</sup>Adopted by unanimous vote.

<sup>6</sup>Accepted by the board of aldermen.

<sup>7</sup>Rejected, affirmative and negative votes not returned.

<sup>8</sup>Rejected by the city council.

<sup>9</sup>Accepted by the voters of the Bourne Water District.

<sup>10</sup>Accepted by The Proprietors of Arlington Street Church.

<sup>11</sup>Accepted by the Advisory Board of the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

<sup>12</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.

<sup>13</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Bristol County.





RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL LAWS

WHEN RECEIVED	CITY OR TOWN	SUBJECT AND REFERENCE	ACTION	DATE OF ACTION
1953				
July 15	Webster	Closing of public offices in cities and towns on Saturdays, 1947, 265 (G. L. 41, s. 110A)	Accepted	July 13, 1953
July 16	Watertown	Ultimate abolition of reserve police forces in certain cities and towns, 1939, 419, s. 2 (G. L. 147, s. 13C)	Accepted	July 13, 1953
July 16	West Springfield	Registration and operation of certain bicycles, 1941, 710, s. 1 (G. L. 85, s. 11A)	Accepted	Mar. 4, 1953
Aug. 13	North Adams	Licenses for the sale of certain articles on the Lord's day, G. L. 136, ss. 7 and 8	Accepted	Aug. 11, 1953
Aug. 13	North Adams	Registration and operation of certain bicycles, 1941, 710, s. 1 (G. L. 85, s. 11A)	Accepted	Aug. 11, 1953
Aug. 13	East Pepperell	Advances of vacation pay to officers and employees of cities and towns, 1945, 635, s. 3 (G. L. 44, s. 65)	Accepted	July 24, 1953
Aug. 21	Chelsea	Additional day's pay or an additional day off duty for fire fighters in certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Aug. 3, 1953
Aug. 25	Fall River	Additional day's pay or an additional day off duty for fire fighters in certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Aug. 21, 1953
Aug. 25	Fall River	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for police officers of certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A)	Accepted	Aug. 21, 1953
Sept. 8	Revere	Making of repairs on private ways by cities and towns, 1953, 386 (G. L. 40, s. 6F)	Accepted	Sept. 1, 1953
Sept. 23	Fall River	Making of repairs on private ways by cities and towns, 1953, 386 (G. L. 40, s. 6F)	Accepted	Sept. 11, 1953
Oct. 19	Chicopee	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for police officers of certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A)	Accepted	Oct. 15, 1953
Oct. 19	Chicopee	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for fire fighters of certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Oct. 15, 1953
Oct. 19	Chicopee	Indemnification by cities and towns of certain retired police officers and fire fighters for certain hospital, medical and surgical expenses, 1953, 628, s. 1 (G. L. 41, s. 100B)	Accepted	Oct. 15, 1953
Oct. 22	Cambridge	Reserve fire forces in cities, G. L. 48, ss. 59B-59D	Accepted	Oct. 21, 1953
Oct. 22	Cambridge	Reserve fire force subject to civil service, 1939, 419, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 59E)	Accepted	Oct. 21, 1953
Oct. 26	Lowell	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for police officers of certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A)	Accepted	Oct. 13, 1953
Oct. 26	Lowell	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for fire fighters of certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Oct. 13, 1953
Oct. 28	Westfield	Uniforms for police and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B	Accepted	Oct. 13, 1953
Oct. 28	Shelburne	Licensing of certain public entertainments on the Lord's day, G. L. 136, s. 4	Accepted	Oct. 26, 1953
Oct. 28	Shelburne	Certain sports and games permitted on the Lord's day, G. L. 136, ss. 21-25	Accepted	Feb. 7, 1949
Oct. 29	Chelsea	Indemnification by cities and towns of certain retired police officers and fire fighters for certain hospital, medical and surgical expenses, 1953, 628, s. 1 (G. L. 41, s. 100B)	Accepted	Feb. 7, 1949
Oct. 29	Hull	Licensed operation on the Lord's day of bowling alleys, 1946, 207, s. 3 (G. L. 136, s. 4B)	Accepted	Oct. 21, 1953
Oct. 30	Worcester	Overtime service by police officers of certain cities and towns, 1953, 293 (G. L. 41, s. 111H)	Accepted	Oct. 26, 1953
Oct. 30	Medford	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for fire fighters in certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Oct. 27, 1953
Nov. 10	Quincy	Workmen's compensation for laborers, workmen and mechanics, G. L. 152, s. 69, as amended	Accepted	Nov. 22, 1953
Nov. 13	Stoughton	Reconsideration of proposed change in ordinance or by-law after unfavorable action, G. L. 40, s. 27A	Accepted	June 22, 1953

Nov. 13	Springfield	Indemnification by cities and towns of certain retired police officers and fire fighters for certain hospital, medical and surgical expenses, 1953, 628, s. 1 (G. L. 41, s. 100B)	Accepted	Oct. 26, 1953
Nov. 13	Springfield	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for fire fighters of certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Nov. 9, 1953
Nov. 13	Stoughton	Five day week for police in certain cities and towns, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C)	Accepted	Mar. 3, 1952
Nov. 24	Winchester	Advances of vacation pay to officers and employees of cities and towns, 1945, 635, s. 3 (G. L. 44, s. 65)	Accepted	Nov. 16, 1953
Nov. 24	Everett	Five day week for police in certain cities and towns, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C)	Accepted	Nov. 16, 1953
Dec. 7	Woburn	Establishment of purchasing department in cities, G. L. 41, s. 103	Accepted	Nov. 3, 1953
Dec. 21	Cambridge	Indemnification by cities and towns of certain retired police officers and fire fighters for certain hospital, medical and surgical expenses, 1953, 628, s. 1 (G. L. 41, s. 100B)	Accepted	Dec. 14, 1953
Dec. 30	Middlesex County	Appointment of temporary officers to county fire patrols, 1953, 496 (G. L. 48, s. 28A)	Accepted	Dec. 29, 1953
1954				
Jan. 4	Boston	Indemnification by cities and towns of certain retired police officers and fire fighters for certain hospital, medical and surgical expenses, 1953, 628, s. 1 (G. L. 41, s. 100B)	Accepted	Dec. 31, 1953
Jan. 6	Winchendon	Establishment of planning board, 1947, 340, s. 4 (G. L. 41, s. 81A)	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1953
Jan. 11	Danvers	Absent voting at town elections, 1948, 477, s. 2 (G. L. 54, s. 103A)	Accepted	Nov. 30, 1953
Jan. 13	Marlborough	Hours of duty of permanent members of the fire departments in certain cities and towns, 1941, 638 (G. L. 48, s. 58A)	Accepted	Jan. 11, 1954
Mar. 10	Hanson	Boards of cemetery commissioners, G. L. 114, ss. 22-26	Accepted	Mar. 1, 1954
Mar. 18	Sherborn	Sick leave for laborers, workmen and mechanics employed by certain cities and towns, G. L. 41, s. 111B, as amended	Accepted	Mar. 8, 1954
Mar. 18	Wellesley	Establishment of a board of public works exercising the powers of certain other departments and town officers, 1953, 101, s. 1 (G. L. 41, ss. 69C-69F)	Accepted	Mar. 1, 1954
Mar. 18	Deerfield	Registration and operation of certain bicycles, 1941, 710, s. 1 (G. L. 85, s. 11A)	Accepted	Mar. 1, 1954
Mar. 18	Mansfield	Repair by cities and towns of private vehicles, 1953, 386, s. 1 (G. L. 40, s. 6F)	Accepted	Mar. 15, 1954
Mar. 18	Mansfield	Additional day off duty or, under certain circumstances, an additional day's pay for fire fighters of certain cities and towns, when they are required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Mar. 15, 1954
Mar. 22	Everett	Forty hour week for employees of certain cities and towns, 1950, 653 (G. L. 149, s. 33B)	Accepted	Mar. 15, 1954
Mar. 22	Stoughton	Vacations for police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 384 (G. L. 41, s. 111D)	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1954
Mar. 24	Wilmington	Eviction of persons from unfit dwellings, G. L. 111, s. 128	Accepted	Mar. 1, 1954
Mar. 24	Westwood	Vacations for police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 384 (G. L. 41, s. 111D)	Accepted	Mar. 1, 1954
Mar. 29	Hull	Workmen's compensation insurance for all employees, except members of the police and fire force, G. L. 152, ss. 69-75	Accepted	Mar. 9, 1954
Mar. 30	Arlington	Group life insurance for town employees, 1952, 239 (G. L. 50, s. 5, clause 44)	Accepted	Mar. 17, 1954
Mar. 30	Arlington	Indemnification of employees of certain cities and towns for damages sustained through the operation of certain municipally owned vehicles, 1949, 128 (G. L. 41, s. 100A)	Accepted	Mar. 17, 1954
Mar. 30	Arlington	Indemnification by cities and towns of certain retired police officers and fire fighters for certain hospital, medical and surgical expenses, 1953, 628, s. 1 (G. L. 41, s. 100B)	Accepted	Mar. 17, 1954
Mar. 30	Chelsea	Establishment of purchasing departments in cities, G. L. 41, s. 103	Accepted	Nov. 3, 1953
Mar. 31	West Springfield	Promotion of civil service employees from the labor service to the official service under the civil service laws, 1953, 459 (G. L. 31, s. 15B)	Accepted	Feb. 15, 1954
Mar. 31	Sharon	Tenure of office of city and town clerks, 1950, 388 (G. L. 41, ss. 19B-19E)	Accepted	Mar. 1, 1954
Apr. 5	Weymouth	Repair by cities and towns of private vehicles, 1953, 386, s. 1 (G. L. 40, s. 6F)	Accepted	Mar. 3, 1954

RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL LAWS—*Concluded*

WHEN RECEIVED	CITY OR TOWN	SUBJECT AND REFERENCE	ACTION	DATE OF ACTION
1954				
Apr. 5	Weymouth	Uniforms for police and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B	Accepted	Mar. 3, 1954
Apr. 7	Watertown	Five-day week for the police department, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C)	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1954
Apr. 7	Watertown	Workmen's compensation for laborers, workmen and mechanics, G. L. 152, s. 69, as amended	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1954
Apr. 7	Watertown	Repair by cities and towns of private ways, 1953, 386 (G. L. 40, s. 6F)	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1954
Apr. 7	Watertown	Group life insurance for permanent employees, 1952, 239 (G. L. 40, s. 5, clause 44)	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1954
Apr. 7	Watertown	Appointment of election officers by town clerk, 1943, 411, s. 6 (G. L. 54, s. 16A)	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1954
Apr. 7	Watertown	Recreation commission established, G. L. 45, s. 14	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1954
Apr. 7	Braintree	Prevention of multiplicity of proposals for the same change in zoning ordinances or by-laws or in their application, 1938, 133, s. 1 (G. L. 40, s. 27A)	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1954
Apr. 26	Norfolk Co. Com'rs	Appointment of temporary officers to county fire patrols, 1953, 496 (G. L. 48, s. 28A)	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1954
Apr. 26	Wellesley	Removal of snow or ice from public ways in adjoining towns, 1945, 319 (G. L. 84, s. 5A)	Accepted	Apr. 20, 1954
Apr. 26	Wellesley	Temporarily filling of vacancies in the offices of election officers, 1943, 411, s. 6 (G. L. 54, s. 16A)	Accepted	Apr. 30, 1954
Apr. 27	Easthampton	Additional day off duty or, under certain circumstances, an additional day's pay for fire fighters of certain cities and towns, when they are required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Mar. 30, 1954
Apr. 27	Easthampton	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for police officers of certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A)	Accepted	Mar. 20, 1954
Apr. 27	Deerfield	Workmen's compensation for laborers, workmen and mechanics, G. L. 152, s. 69, as amended	Accepted	Mar. 20, 1954
Apr. 27	Boston	Establishment of commissions to promote business and industry in cities and towns, 1954, 297, s. 1 (G. L. 40, s. 8A)	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1954
Apr. 29	Shrewsbury	Five-day week for the police department, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C)	Accepted	Apr. 16, 1954
Apr. 30	Raynham	Establishment of planning board, 1947, 340, s. 4 (G. L. 41, s. 81A)	Accepted	Apr. 15, 1954
May 28	Medford	Annual step-rate increases for municipal public welfare employees, 1951, 537 (G. L. 31, s. 47E)	Accepted	Mar. 15, 1954
May 28	Waltham	Additional day off duty or, under certain circumstances, an additional day's pay for fire fighters of certain cities and towns, when they are required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	May 25, 1954
June 1	Wakefield	Members of the fire department placed within the classified civil service, 1945, 701, s. 6 (G. L. 31, s. 48)	Accepted	May 25, 1954
June 21	Medford	Repair by cities and towns of private ways, 1953, 386 (G. L. 40, s. 6F)	Accepted	Mar. 1, 1954
June 24	Cambridge	Additional day off duty or, under certain circumstances, an additional day's pay for fire fighters of certain cities and towns, when they are required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	June 15, 1954
June 28	Essex Co. Com'rs	Annual tour of duty of state and municipal employees in U. S. Coast Guard Reserve and Air Force Reserve without loss of pay, 1952, 347 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	June 21, 1954
June 30	Quincy	Replacement of a board of health of a city by a health department, 1948, 268, s. 2 (G. L. 111, ss. 26A-26E)	Accepted	June 22, 1954
			Accepted	June 21, 1954



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Secretary of the Commonwealth

OF

MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955



EDWARD J. CRONIN

Secretary of the Commonwealth

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, July 1, 1955.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:—*

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, Chapter 9, Section 17, as amended, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955. This report also includes the returns from cities and towns relative to action taken under certain provisions of the General Laws, and returns relative to the acceptance or rejection of certain Special Acts passed by the General Court, which returns were received during the fiscal year 1955.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD J. CRONIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

## LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

### 1955 SESSION OF THE GENERAL COURT

In previous reports I have included a brief summary of such legislation as was enacted during the next prior session of the General Court which was of particular application or interest to the administration of the office of the State Secretary.

During the 1955 session of the General Court there were several measures enacted which are of such general interest and a brief abstract of the same is contained in the following summary.

### 1955 STATUTES RELATIVE TO ELECTIONS

*Chapter 67.* Relative to Listing of Persons in Cities and Towns.

*Allows the Registrars of Voters discretion when listing persons in regard to inserting the age or the date of birth.*

*Chapter 123.* Relative to the Oath of Office of certain District Officers.

*Provides that district officers shall take the oath of office in the town in which they reside.*

*Chapter 138.* An Act to Modify the Law Relating to Pre-Primary Conventions and the Organization of Political Committees.

*Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the act change the date when state, ward and town committees shall take office and hold their organization meetings from June 1 to May 15.*

*Section 4 sets the date of the state conventions. They shall be held not earlier than June 5 and not later than June 20.*

*Chapter 176.* Relative to the Securing of Information concerning Persons Residing at Inns, Lodging Houses and Public Lodging Houses.

*This chapter simplifies the procedure.*

*Chapter 218.* Authorizing the Establishment of Boards of Election Commissioners and Defining their Powers and Duties.

*These boards may be established by vote of the city councils in cities and by vote of the town in towns.*

*Chapter 221.* Requiring that a Request for Withdrawal from Nomination by a Candidate for Office be Acknowledged before a Notary Public.

*Chapter 222.* Regulating the Filling of a Vacancy in the Office of Mayor in Cities having a Plan B form of City Charter.

Chapter 249. Increasing the Number of Signatures required on the Nomination Papers for Representative in Congress.

*Prior to the passage of this act the number of signatures on primary papers by candidates for Congressmen was 250. It is now 500.*

Chapter 256. Authorizing the use of the words "Candidate for Re-election" on certain official ballots.

*Provides that the words "Candidate for Re-election" shall be placed after the names of all incumbent candidates for the same office at state and city elections. This has been procedure in towns for many years.*

Chapter 266. Relative to the Distribution of Pastors or Stickers at Polling Places.

*Provides that pastors or stickers cannot be distributed within 150 feet of the entrance to the polling place.*

Chapter 288. Relative to Certificates of Nominations.

*Section 1 provides that on certificates of nomination written acceptance of candidate is required except by candidate for presidential elector.*

*Section 2 provides that the surnames of candidates for President and Vice-President shall be furnished to the State Secretary by the chairman of state political committees not later than the second Tuesday in November.*

Chapter 321. Extending the provisions of Absentee Voting to certain Civilian Employees of the United States.

*Provides that civilian employees of the United States have the same status in regard to Absent Voting as do members of the armed forces.*

#### LAWS RELATIVE TO CORPORATIONS ENACTED IN 1955 AFFECTING THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Chapter 290.

*This act requires all corporations organized under chapter 180 of the General Laws except churches and religious organizations to file annual reports with the State Secretary.*

Chapter 338.

*This act clarifies section 55 of Chapter 156 regarding the filing fees for certain amendments.*

Chapter 360.

*This act provides for service of process on non-residents doing business in the Commonwealth by service on the State Secretary.*

Chapter 490.

*Provides for the recording of incorporation of churches and cemetery corporations organized before filing was required.*

#### GENERAL LEGISLATION

##### INSURANCE OF STATE EMPLOYEES

In the last annual report I suggested that a system of life and disability insurance should be instituted for all persons in the service of the commonwealth in keeping with the policy of the federal government. On November 3, 1954 a bill to accomplish this purpose was included in the recommendations for legislation sent by this office to the incoming legislature. Later the Governor and the employees organizations made recommendations along similar lines. As the first proponent it gives me much satisfaction to report the passage and approval of Chapter 628 of the



Acts of 1955 which establishes such a system and provides \$2,000 protection to all in the service of the state who do not expressly refuse such coverage, the premiums to be paid one half by the state and one half by the insured. There is further provision for extension of \$1,000 insurance after retirement, the premiums to be paid by deduction from retirement pay. Massachusetts is first among the 48 states in this. The coverage should be increased on a voluntary basis to an amount based more nearly upon the immediate needs of a bereaved family under modern standards.

As a result of this legislation it appears likely that county and municipal personnel will be benefited under a pending bill permitting the governmental unit concerned to pay a portion of insurance premiums.

### RECORDS MANAGEMENT

This office recommended to the General Court that a survey be made of all public offices of the commonwealth and its political subdivisions to provide for a uniform records management system in keeping with the necessities arising from problems of storing and cataloguing the great mass of accumulated material which has been gathered in all governmental units. The General Court has by Chapter 104 of the Resolves provided for such a study of the agencies of the commonwealth by the Secretary and the Commissioner of Administration and Finance and a report to the next session of the General Court. This is perhaps a preliminary step towards a much needed uniform system of records management.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

As provided in General Laws, Chapter 31, Sections 32 and 33, each department head must file such recommendations as embrace legislative proposals through this office for transmission to the General Court on or before the first Wednesday of November of each calendar year. This department likewise must file such recommendations as require legislation on the same day. In compliance therewith, I shall file such recommendations and reasons in support thereof with the clerk of the House of Representatives on November 2, 1954.

# REPORT OF ACTIVITIES IN DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1955

## ACCOUNTS FINANCES OF DEPARTMENT

The subjoined financial statements set forth the receipts and disbursements of the Department of the State Secretary for the fiscal year 1954-1955.

It is noted that the receipts, \$937,577.55, exceed the expenditures of \$756,425.77 by \$181,151.78 though the disbursements include the election expenses of the 1954 state election. It is the first time that receipts have exceeded expenses in a year when general election expenses were incurred and this establishes the fact that this department is self sustaining. This is due to moderate increases in corporate filing fees enacted by the General Court on the recommendation of this department.

August 9, 1955.

### *To the Secretary of the Commonwealth:*

The following table shows in detail receipts from fees, etc. for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, all of which were paid into the Treasury daily and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council as required by General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 9, Section 1.

Commissions . . . . .		\$ 31,323 00
Corporations . . . . .		815,824 27
Limited Partnerships . . . . .		470 00
Labels, Trade Marks, etc. . . . .		6,200 00
Sale of Books . . . . .		22,081 09
Certificates . . . . .		3,741 00
Military Records . . . . .		18 60
Advance Sheets . . . . .		2,990 00
Vital Statistics . . . . .		7,671 50
Copies—Archives . . . . .	\$ 3,306 72	
Corporation . . . . .	23,661 95	26,968 67
Trust Receipts . . . . .		8,625 00
Liens . . . . .		249 00
Declaration of Trust . . . . .		10,950 00
Miscellaneous . . . . .		465 42
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		\$937,577 55

Financial Statement Verified

Date: August 12, 1955

Approved for Publishing, RALPH E. HOUGHTON, *Acting Comptroller.*

# EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR 1955

0501-01	Secretary's Salary	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$	9,000	00
0501-02	Administration	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		340,433	32
0501-10	Decennial Census	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		12,338	77
0502-01	Archives and Photostatic Copies	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		6,561	51
0502-02	Journals of the House	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		2,250	00
0503-01	Printing Acts and Resolves	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		39,419	95
0503-02	Decisions of Supreme Court	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		12,753	30
0503-03	Printing Public Documents	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		5,220	64
0504-01	Primaries and Other Elections	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		314,121	00
0504-04	Lists of Candidates	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		12,854	98
0505-01	Medical Examiners Fees	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		1,472	30
Total										\$	756,425 77

Excess of Receipts over Expenditures \$181,151.78.

## ANNUAL REPORTS

On or before the first Wednesday of December in each fiscal year every state officer, department, board and commission which is required by law to file an annual report must deposit such report with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The only exceptions are in the few cases where some other date is specifically provided by law for the filing of a report.

During 1954, pursuant to this requirement, the following officers, departments, boards and commissions filed annual reports on or before the first Wednesday of December, 1954:—

Department of the Attorney-General, 1954  
 Department of Public Health, 1954  
 Department of Public Safety, 1954  
 Lowell Technological Institute, 1954  
 Division of Registration (Department of Civil Service and Registration), 1954  
 Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section A, Co-operative Banks and Savings and Loan Agencies, 1954  
 Board of Registration in Embalming and Funeral Directing, 1954  
 State Examiners of Electricians, 1954  
 Board of Registration in Pharmacy, 1954  
 Labor Relations Commission, 1954  
 Board of Conciliation and Arbitration (Department of Labor and Industries), 1954  
 Board of Registration of Certified Public Accountants, 1954  
 Trustees, State Library, 1954  
 Directory of Labor Organizations (Department of Labor and Industries), 1954

Subsequent to legal filing date, the following reports were received:—

Division on the Necessaries of Life (Department of Labor and Industries), 1954  
 Division of Standards (Department of Labor and Industries), 1954  
 Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, 1948  
 Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, 1949  
 Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, 1950  
 Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, 1951  
 Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, 1952  
 Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, 1954  
 Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, 1954  
 Department of Natural Resources, 1954  
 University of Massachusetts, 1954  
 Purchasing Bureau (Commission on Administration and Finance), 1954  
 Department of the Auditor, 1954  
 Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine, 1954  
 Board of Registration in Optometry, 1954  
 Appellate Tax Board, 1954  
 Division of Statistics (Department of Labor and Industries), 1953  
 Board of Registration in Chiropody (Podiatry), 1953  
 Trustees, Myles Standish State School, 1953  
 Trustees, Myles Standish State School, 1954  
 Trustees, Walter E. Fernald State School, 1952  
 Trustees, Walter E. Fernald State School, 1953  
 Trustees, Walter E. Fernald State School, 1954  
 Trustees, Monson State Hospital, 1948  
 Trustees, Monson State Hospital, 1949  
 Trustees, Monson State Hospital, 1954  
 Trustees, Northampton State Hospital, 1952  
 Trustees, Northampton State Hospital, 1954  
 Trustees, Medfield State Hospital, 1953  
 Trustees, Gardner State Hospital, 1953  
 Trustees, Gardner State Hospital, 1954  
 Trustees, Foxborough State Hospital, 1951



Trustees, Foxborough State Hospital, 1952  
Trustees, Foxborough State Hospital, 1953  
Trustees, Metropolitan State Hospital, 1953  
Trustees, Metropolitan State Hospital, 1954  
Trustees, Boston Psychopathic Hospital, 1951  
Trustees, Belchertown State School, 1953  
Trustees, Belchertown State School, 1954  
Trustees, Grafton State Hospital, 1953  
Trustees, Grafton State Hospital, 1954  
Trustees, Wrentham State School, 1953  
Trustees, Westborough State Hospital, 1952  
Trustees, Westborough State Hospital, 1953  
Trustees, Westborough State Hospital, 1954  
Trustees, Taunton State Hospital, 1953  
Trustees, Taunton State Hospital, 1954  
Trustees, Danvers State Hospital, 1953  
Trustees, Danvers State Hospital, 1954  
Trustees, Boston State Hospital, 1954  
Trustees, Worcester State Hospital, 1953  
Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section C, Savings Banks and Institutions for Savings, 1953  
Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section D, Trust Companies and Certain Other Financial Institutions, 1953  
Statistics of County Finances (Department of Corporations and Taxation, Bureau of Accounts), 1953  
Youth Service Board, 1952  
Youth Service Board, 1953  
Department of Agriculture, 1953  
Department of Education, Part 1, 1954  
Department of Education, Part 2, 1954  
Comptroller's Bureau (Commission on Administration and Finance), 1954  
Department of Correction, 1949  
Department of Correction, 1950  
Department of Correction, 1951  
Department of Correction, 1952  
Division of Apprentice Training (Department of Labor and Industries), 1954  
Commission Against Discrimination, 1954  
Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, 1954  
Division of Fisheries and Game, 1954  
Metropolitan District Assessments (Treasurer and Receiver-General), 1954  
Judicial Council of Massachusetts, 1954  
State Reclamation Board (Department of Agriculture), 1954  
Finance Commission of the City of Boston, 1954  
Department of the Treasurer and Receiver-General, 1954  
State Airport Management Board, 1954  
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, 1952  
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, 1953  
Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, 1954  
State Racing Commission, 1954  
Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section B, Credit Unions, 1954  
Police Commissioner for the City of Boston, 1954  
Division of Library Extension (Department of Education), 1954  
Port of Boston Commission, 1954  
University of Massachusetts, 1952  
Bureau of Loan Agencies (Division of Banks and Loan Agencies), 1954

## ARCHIVES DIVISION

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, there have been made 14 military certificates; 15 typewritten copies; 68,932 photostatic copies of legislative records, maps, plans, corporation records, and veterans' discharges.

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Section 167, as amended, providing for the filing in the Secretary's Office of a statement by persons who represent petitioners for pardons, paroles, commutations of or respites from sentences, thirty-six (36) persons have so filed.

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Section 152, as amended, providing for the filing of certified copies of petitions for pardons, paroles, and commutations of sentences, together with other documents pertaining thereto, one hundred and forty-five (145) cases have been received and filed.

Under General Laws, Chapter 264, Section 14, providing for the taking of an oath by every person entering the service of the Commonwealth and the filing of such oath in the office of the Secretary, approximately 23,500 oaths have been received and filed.

It is imperative that additional space be allocated to the Archives in order that the records of the Commonwealth be properly safeguarded and the public be adequately served.

## COMMISSIONS

The number of commissions issued during the year ending June 30, 1955 was 5,362, of which 839 were without fee and 78 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder.

The different classes were as follows:

Notaries Public . . . . .	4,356
Justices of the Peace . . . . .	140
Justices of the Peace designated to solemnize marriages . . . . .	8
Justices of the Peace to issue warrants and take bail . . . . .	8
Associate Justice, Superior Court . . . . .	1
Judge of Probate and Insolvency, Suffolk County . . . . .	1
Justice, District Court of Brockton . . . . .	1
Justice, District Court of Natick . . . . .	1
Justice, District Court of Franklin . . . . .	1
Justice, Third District Court of Eastern Middlesex . . . . .	1
Justice, Second District Court of Eastern Worcester . . . . .	1
Special Justice, District Court of Springfield . . . . .	1
Special Justice, East Boston District Court . . . . .	1
Special Justice, First District Court of Northern Middlesex . . . . .	1
Special Justice, Second District Court of Eastern Worcester . . . . .	1
Special Justice, District Court of Western Norfolk . . . . .	1
Special Justice, Municipal Court, City of Boston . . . . .	1
Register of Probate and Insolvency, Norfolk County . . . . .	1
District Attorney, Plymouth County . . . . .	1
Clerks, District Courts . . . . .	5
Masters in Chancery . . . . .	12
Public Administrators . . . . .	9
Medical Examiners . . . . .	10
Associate Medical Examiners . . . . .	13
Commissioners to qualify Public Officers . . . . .	7
Special State Police Officers . . . . .	53
Trustees, Commissioners, etc. . . . .	246
Public Warehouse Licenses . . . . .	26
Commissions issued to non-resident clergymen . . . . .	454
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	5,362

Certificates to the number of 11,491 were issued, of which 3,482 were for certificates for which no fees are charged. Forty-seven persons re-registered as required under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 7B; and eight persons paid penalty fees as required under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 13.

### CORPORATION DIVISION

#### Rooms 333 and 334

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955, was 4,476. Said certificates of incorporation are classified as follows:—

Business	4,017
Religious, charitable, social, etc.	413
Fraternal beneficiary	4
Church	18
Credit union	10
Insurance	8
Trust company	2
Cooperative bank	3
Savings bank	1

The number of certificates of every description filed was 46,859. Said certificates are classified as follows:—

Articles of organization of the nine classes of corporations mentioned above	4,476
Certificate of organization of cemetery corporation	1
Certificate of organization of religious parish	1
Business issues	790
Business increases	404
Business reductions	127
Business amendments	991
Non-business changes of name	52
Religious, charitable, social etc. amendments	18
Fraternal beneficiary amendments	2
Gas and electric company increases	2
Gas and electric company reductions	5
Gas and electric company amendment	1
Water company increases	2
Trust company increases	2
Insurance company increases	2
Insurance company amendment	1
Railway merger	1
Business consolidations	25
Business mergers	7
Insurance merger	1
Conditions	32,161
Social and athletic corporation reports	3,130
Foreign increases	23
Foreign reductions	82
Foreign powers of attorney by person or partnership	8

Trust receipt financing statements . . . . .	2,880
Liens . . . . .	83
Voluntary association trust reports . . . . .	1,095
Trade-marks . . . . .	249
Assignments of trade-marks . . . . .	19
Description of marks—(milk) . . . . .	1
Limited partnerships . . . . .	47
Gas and electric company approvals of issue, etc. . . . .	14
Water company approvals of issue, etc. . . . .	3
Railroad and street railway approvals of issue, etc. . . . .	4
Contracts of railroad and street railway companies . . . . .	6
Certificates of clerks of various courts relative to dissolution of corporations (covering 1,551 corporations) . . . . .	14
Petition for surrender of charter and dissolution . . . . .	1
Certificates of revival of corporations . . . . .	96
Certificates of consent to change of location of social and athletic corporations . . . . .	28
Special act creating corporation . . . . .	1
Certificates of conversion of cooperative banks . . . . .	2
Certificate relative to adoption of Act . . . . .	1
Non-business charter withheld . . . . .	1
Non-business applications for incorporation withdrawn . . . . .	9
Non-business applications for change of name withdrawn . . . . .	2
Certified copies supplied . . . . .	6,828
Special certificates supplied . . . . .	889



EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS ISSUED BY  
HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR, DURING  
THE FISCAL YEAR 1954-1955

During the year from July 1, 1954 to and through June 30, 1955 there were eight (8) Executive Orders and twelve (12) Administrative Orders issued by Governor Herter, the original copies of which are on file in the Archives.

The subject matter thereof is briefly summarized here for convenient reference.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS ISSUED DURING 1954-55

No.	DATE ISSUED	SUBJECT
22	Sept. 2, 1954	Sale of perishable food permitted on Sunday and Monday, September 5 and 6, 1954, because of impairment and dislocation of refrigeration facilities caused by the hurricane of August 31, 1954.
23	Sept. 3, 1954	Re-issuance of licenses, permits, or certificates of registration by the Commonwealth, its agencies, and political sub-divisions without a fee when the loss of same due to the hurricane of August 31, 1954.
24	Nov. 9, 1954	Certain persons authorized to travel during a Red Alert who were not previously so authorized. Certain changes made in the identification system established by Executive Order No. 14. Additional powers conferred upon the State Director of Civil Defense relative to the movement of vehicles and persons.
25	Jan. 3, 1955	Each department, independent division, board, commission and independent institution of the government of the Commonwealth to make appropriate plans for the protection of its personnel, equipment, supplies, records and documents, and for carrying on such of its normal functions that may be needed in event of an enemy attack.  Certain departments assigned responsibility for certain Civil Defense Services.  Assignments of responsibilities heretofore made by Executive Orders Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 11; and Administrative Orders Nos. 2, 7, and 9 are superseded except when not inconsistent herewith.
26	Jan. 7, 1955	Certain Civil Defense Areas and Sectors established.
Letter	June 2, 1955	Executive Order No. 25, Section 3, amended by substituting the words "Department of Public Health, Division of Sanitary Engineering" for the words "Metropolitan District Commission."
27	June 23, 1955	Regulations governing the conduct of departments, agencies, or political subdivisions of the Commonwealth in a state of emergency declared because of enemy attack, sabotage, or other hostile action.  Executive Orders Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, and 16 terminated.
28	June 23, 1955	Responsibility for the organization and administration of the Ground Observer Corps transferred from the Adjutant General to the Civil Defense Agency.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS ISSUED DURING 1954-55

No.	DATE ISSUED	SUBJECT
13	Apr. 22, 1955	Implementation of Executive Order No. 25, Sections 1 and 2.
14	Apr. 22, 1955	The responsibility of the Department of Commerce for the Civil Defense Facilities defined.
15	Apr. 22, 1955	The responsibility of the Department of Education for the Civil Defense Education Service defined.
16	Apr. 22, 1955	The responsibility of the Division of Employment Security for the Civil Defense Manpower Service defined.
17	Apr. 22, 1955	The responsibility of the Department of Public Health for the Civil Defense Medical Service defined.
18	Apr. 22, 1955	The responsibility of the Department of Public Safety, Division of Fire Prevention, for the Civil Defense Fire Service defined.
19	Apr. 22, 1955	The responsibility of the Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police, for the Civil Defense Police Service defined.
20	Apr. 22, 1955	The responsibility of the Department of Public Utilities for the Civil Defense Utilities Service defined.
21	Apr. 22, 1955	The responsibility of the Department of Public Welfare for the Civil Defense Welfare Service defined.
22	Apr. 22, 1955	The responsibility of the Department of Public Works for the Civil Defense Engineering Service defined.
23	Apr. 22, 1955	The responsibility of the Metropolitan District Commission for the Civil Defense Water Service defined.
Letter	June 2, 1955	Administrative Order No. 23, Section 1, amended by substituting the words "Department of Public Health, Division of Sanitary Engineering" for the words "Metropolitan District Commission."

## PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, RESPITES, REQUISITIONS, ETC.

The number of pardons made out and issued during the fiscal year was 51: of which 45 were full and complete; 2 conditional; 2 commutations; 1 remander; 1 conditional discharge from the Bridgewater State Hospital.

There were 108 requisitions issued: of which 93 were upon other States; 10 upon the Secretary of Defense of the United States of America; 1 upon the Secretary of the Air Force of the United States of America; 1 upon the Secretary of the Army of the United States of America; 1 upon the Secretary of State of the United States of America; 2 upon the Chief Justice of the District Court of the United States of America.

There were 16 warrants issued upon requisitions from other States.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND AGENTS' EXPENSES

Since the 1955 session of the General Court was not concluded on or prior to June 30, 1955 the reports of the expenses of legislative counsel and legislative agents required under chapter 3, General Laws, have not been filed at this office nor will they be filed until after the prorogation of the 1955 session. They will accordingly be incorporated in the annual report for the fiscal year 1955-1956.

## PROCLAMATIONS

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. Each of the twenty-one (21) annual proclamations required by statute to the number of 10,500 copies each were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks:—Commodore John Barry Day, September 13, 1954; Constitution Day, September 17, 1954; Pulaski Day, October 11, 1954; United Nations Day, October 24, 1954; American Education Week, November 7–13, 1954; Veterans Day, November 11, 1954; Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 1954; Civil Rights Week, December 8–15, 1954; New Orleans Day, January 8, 1955; Lincoln Day, February 12, 1955; Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1955; One Hundred and Eighty-fifth Anniversary of the Boston Massacre, March 5, 1955; Peter Francisco Day, March 15, 1955; Evacuation Day, March 17, 1955; Patriots' Day, April 19, 1955; Loyalty Day, May 1, 1955; Polish Constitution Day, May 3, 1955; La Fayette Day, May 20, 1955; Memorial Day, May 30, 1955; Flag Day, June 14, 1955 and Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1955.

August 12, 1954 was designated as Indian Day and 6,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

For the observance of Arbor and Bird Day, April 29, 1955, 10,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 3–9, 1954 and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices.

March 11, 1955 was set apart by His Excellency the Governor as Student Government Day, and 5,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were printed and distributed to the schools.

A proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor on September 1, 1954 under the provisions of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950, proclaiming that a State of Emergency existed in the Commonwealth by reason of the destruction resulting from the hurricane of August 31, 1954, which caused widespread damage to property and dislocation of utilities and services vital to the well-being of the people of the Commonwealth, and calling upon all the people of the Commonwealth to co-operate with all duly constituted authorities in measures which may be taken to lessen the impact of the disaster.

On September 2, 1954 a proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor calling the members of the General Court to assemble in the State House on the seventh day of September, 1954, at 10.30 o'clock in the morning to the end that action may be taken on legislation aimed at the alleviation of the destruction caused by the hurricane of August 31, 1954, which resulted in widespread damage to property and the dislocation of utilities and services vital to the well-being of the people of the Commonwealth, and as it appeared that Chapter 627 of the Acts of 1954 deprived certain veterans of World War I of retirement and other benefits to which they have hitherto been entitled, certain amendments to Chapter 627 of the Acts of 1954 should be effective at the earliest possible moment.

Ninety-six (96) proclamations were issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press and filed in the Archives, as follows:—National Softball Week, July 11–18, 1954; National Vegetable Week, July 29–August 7, 1954; Emergency March of Dimes, the last two weeks of August, 1954; "Jimmy" Time, September 2–16, 1954; Pray for Peace Week, September 6–12, 1954; Union Label Week, September 6–12, 1954; Worcester Foundation Day, September 8, 1954; American Jewish Tercentenary, period from September 12, 1954 to May 15, 1954; Irish Guards Day, September 13, 1954; Citizenship Day, September 17, 1954; National Home Week, Septem-



ber 18-26, 1954; Roxbury Day, September 25, 1954; Eye Research Month, the month of October, 1954; Restaurant Month, the month of October, 1954; Cranberry Time, the month of October, 1954; National Newspaperboy Day, October 2, 1954; National Letter Writing Week, October 3-9, 1954; National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, October 3-9, 1954; Emergencies Don't Wait Week, October 4-10, 1954; Direct Mail Week, October 9-16, 1954; Free China Day, October 10, 1954; Business Women's Week, October 10-16, 1954; Oil Progress Week, October 10-16, 1954; National Nurse Week, October 11-16, 1954; Poetry Day, October 15, 1954; Electrical Week, October 18-24, 1954; Credit Union Day, October 21, 1954; Religion in American Life Month, the month of November, 1954; American Art Week, November 1-7, 1954; Mentally Retarded Children's Month, November 14-December 15, 1954; Muscular Dystrophy Research Week, November 21-27, 1954; Toys for Tots Week, November 27-December 4, 1954; Massachusetts Heritage Month, the period of December, 1954; Disabled American Veterans Hospital Day, December 5, 1954; Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1954; Big Day, December 12, 1954; Safe Driving Day, December 15, 1954; March of Dimes Month, the month of January, 1955; George Washington Carver Day, January 5, 1955; Big Brother Week, January 9-16, 1955; YWCA Centennial Week, January 10-17, 1955; Jaycee Week, January 14-21, 1955; Printing and Publishing Week, January 16-23, 1955; National Thrift Week, January 17-23, 1955; YMCA Week, January 23-30, 1955; Civil Service Week, January 24-31, 1955; Junior Achievement Week, January 31-February 5, 1955; American Heart Month, the month of February, 1955; American History Month, the month of February, 1955; Freedom Month, the month of February, 1955; Go to the Movies Month, the month of February, 1955; Boy Scout Week, February 6-12, 1955; Negro History Week, February 6-13, 1955; National Children's Dental Health Week, February 7-12, 1955; National Advertising Week, February 13-19, 1955; Highway Courtesy Week, February 14-20, 1955; Lithuania Independence Day, February 16, 1955; Engineers' Week, February 20-26, 1955; Brotherhood Week, February 20-27, 1955; World Day of Prayer, February 25, 1955; Citizenship Month, March 1-31, 1955; Red Cross Month, March 1-31, 1955; Girl Scout Week, March 6-12, 1955; Save Your Vision Week, March 6-12, 1955; ORT Day, March 8, 1955; Month for Crippled Children and Adults, March 10-April 10, 1955; Big Sister Week, March 13-20, 1955; National Baseball Week, March 19-26, 1955; World Jewish Child's Day, March 20, 1955; National Wildlife Week, March 20-26, 1955; Community Health Week, the week beginning March 21, 1955; Boys' Club Week, March 21-27, 1955; Greek Independence Day, March 25, 1955; Bataan Day, April 9, 1955; Massachusetts Social Hygiene Day, April 27, 1955; Israel Independence Week, the week of April 27, 1955; Cerebral Palsy Month, the month of May, 1955; Mental Health Month, the month of May, 1955; Elks Youth Day, May 1, 1955; National Child Health Day, May 1, 1955; Be Kind to Animals Week, May 2-7, 1955; Massachusetts School Safety Patrol Week, May 7-13, 1955; Massachusetts State Mothers' Week, May 8-14, 1955; Girls' Club Week, May 8-14, 1955; National Hospital Week, May 8-14, 1955; Massachusetts National Guard Week, the week beginning May 15, 1955; Senior Citizens Week, May 15-22, 1955; Chemical Progress Week, May 16-21, 1955; Letters from America Week, May 16-22, 1955; Armed Forces Day, May 21, 1955; National Maritime Day, May 22, 1955; June Dairy Month, the month of June, 1955; National Golf Day, June 4, 1955; Fraternal Week, June 12-18, 1955; Greek Earthquake Relief Week, June 12-19, 1955; Baltic States Freedom Day, June 15, 1955.

#### PUBLIC DOCUMENT DIVISION

During the fiscal year 1955, the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division. *Reports*: 23,312 copies of the Public Document Series, representing twenty-six reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions. *Laws*: 9,000 copies of the 1954 bound edition of the Acts and Resolves, commonly called the Blue Book; 10,080 copies of the 1954 pamphlet edition of the Acts and Resolves; 7,150 copies of the 1954 Supplement



to the Laws Relating to Retirement Systems and Pensions; 5,120 copies of the General Laws Relating to City Charters, Standard Form of Representative Town Meeting Government and Election of Certain City and Town Officers by Proportional Representation or Preferential Voting, 1954. *Veterans Proceedings*: 602 copies of the Proceedings of the fifty-fourth Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1953; 1,005 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-fifth Annual Convention, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1953; 750 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-third Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1953; 453 copies of the Proceedings of the Seventeenth Annual Convention, Marine Corps League, Department of Massachusetts, 1953; 600 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-second Annual Convention, Disabled American Veterans of the World War, Department of Massachusetts, 1953; 115 copies of the Proceedings of the Nineteenth Annual Convention, Italian-American World War Veterans of the United States, Inc., Department of Massachusetts, 1954. *Journals and Manuals*: 600 copies each of the Senate and House Journals, 1954, total 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Volume 29, 1752-53; 1,635 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Examinations for the Police Services, 1954-A Edition; 1,570 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Examinations for the Police Services, 1955 edition; 2,530 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Examinations for the Police Services, 1955-A Edition; 2,625 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Examinations for the Police Services, 1955-B Edition; 1,555 copies of the Civil Service Fire Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance Examinations in the Fire Service in Cities and Towns, 1955 edition; 3,200 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Guidance of Applicants for Positions as Civil Engineers, Grades 1 and 2, 1955 edition; 10,500 copies of the Manual for the General Court, 1955-56. *Massachusetts Reports*: 475 copies of Volume 330, Massachusetts Reports. *Miscellaneous*: 12,230 copies of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1954; 400 copies of Public Officers of Massachusetts, 1955-56; 425 copies of the edition of the Executive Council Report on the return of votes for State Officers, etc., 1954; making a grand total of 96,832 copies.

The sale of Massachusetts Reports surplus volumes on hand, as authorized by Chapter 57, Resolves of 1950, commenced on January 1, 1951. Of the approximate number of copies available for sale at that time, namely, 90,000 copies, about 2,064 copies were sold during this fiscal year.

### PUBLIC RECORDS DIVISION

This division again reports that insufficient personnel has hampered operations. The bill seeking to enlarge this division was again defeated.

The Supervisor of Public Records has spent considerable time working with the Record Custodians in the cities, and towns where records problems exist.

On the state level much is expected from the survey authorized by Chapter 104 of the Resolves of 1955. This should result in clarifying the present legislation and bring about an effective Records Management Program for the Commonwealth.

### *Standard Record Ink*

This department furnishes approved standard record ink for use on public records in the several departments and offices of the Commonwealth and of the counties, cities and towns, in which such records are kept, in accordance with General Laws (Ter. Ed.), Chapter 66, Section 2. Ink supplied to the departments and offices of the Commonwealth is paid for by this department; ink supplied to the counties, cities and towns is paid for by the individual county, city or town.

Violations of Section 4 of Chapter 66, which forbids the use on public records of other than approved standard record ink have been observed. This division has notified all offenders as to the provisions of said Section 4.

A new method of distribution of Record Ink has been arranged. Offices in and near the State House may pick up the ink at Room 252, State House. This will result in a saving on delivery charges and faster, more efficient distribution.

#### *Repairing and Binding*

In keeping with the policy of doing some binding in the Department each year several volumes have been repaired and rebound in the Archives, Vital Statistics and Corporation Divisions.

Recommendations for repairing and binding, the necessity for which was observed during inspections, have been made to the proper persons. More volumes of the Massachusetts archives will be bound, subject to the amount appropriated.

#### *Carbon Paper*

Revised copies of the list of the brand names of approved carbon papers, the use of which is authorized by Chapter 310 of the Acts of 1950, are available at this office.

#### *Typewriter Ribbons*

Revised copies of the list of approved typewriter ribbons are available at this office wherein the approved typewriter ribbons are identified as having successfully passed the Fade-Ometer test.

#### *Stamp Pads and Stamp Pad Inks*

Revised copies of the list of approved brands of stamp pads and stamp pad inks are available at this office.

Purchasing agents and other interested persons of the various State departments, cities and towns have been supplied with copies of the above mentioned lists.

#### *Safes and Vaults*

This division has available for distribution on request specifications for the construction of fire-proof safes and vaults based on recommendations proposed by the National Fire Protection Association. All improvements to present installations must be completed according to the standards required for new construction.

In several instances new vaults have been recommended to replace antiquated safes and many doors have been changed to the approved 6-hour type.

Several installations of new doors replacing older types have been observed.

### REFERENDA

#### INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS

There were no initiative or referendum petitions filed for the fiscal year 1953-4.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS

By General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 30, Section 37, as amended by Chapter 556 of the Acts of 1951 and Chapter 30, Section 37A, inserted by Chapter 576 of the Acts of 1951, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, or to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law, additional rules and regulations were filed by the following departments, board, commissions and authority during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955: Department of The Adjutant General, Department of Agriculture, Department of Banking and Insurance, Department of Civil Service and Registration, Department of Education, Department of Labor and Industries, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Utilities, Department of Public Works, Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, Hurricane Relief Board, Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission, Metropolitan District Commission, Milk

Control Commission and Outdoor Advertising Authority. The 1952 report listed all rules and regulations on file to June 30, 1952 and the same continue in full force and effect except for such changes as are indicated by the reports here listed as filed between July 1, 1954 and June 30, 1955. The full list on file to June 30, 1955 is as follows:

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### DEPARTMENTS WHICH HAVE FILED RULES AND REGULATIONS IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1955

1. Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
2. Appellate Tax Board
3. Commission on Administration and Finance
4. Department of Agriculture
  - Agricultural Experiment Station, Massachusetts State College
  - Division of Livestock Disease Control
  - Milk Regulation Board
5. Department of Banking and Insurance
  - Division of Loan Agencies
  - Division of Co-operative Banks
  - Division of Insurance
6. Department of Civil Service and Registration
  - Board of Registration of Barbers
  - Board of Registration in Chiropody (Podiatry)
  - Board of Dental Examiners
  - State Examiners of Electricians
  - Board of Registration in Embalming and Funeral Directing
  - Board of Registration in Hairdressers
  - Board of Registration in Medicine
  - Board of Registration in Optometry
  - Board of Registration in Pharmacy
  - Board of State Examiners of Plumbers
  - Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
7. Department of Education
8. Department of Labor and Industries
  - Division of Minimum Wage
  - Minimum Wage Commission
  - Division of Standards and Necessaries of Life
9. Department of Natural Resources
10. Department of Public Health
11. Department of Public Safety
  - State Fire Marshal
  - Board of Boiler Rules
  - State Boxing Commission
  - Board of Elevator Regulations
12. Department of Public Utilities
13. Department of Public Welfare
14. Department of Public Works
  - Bureau of Public Works Airport Management
  - Registry of Motor Vehicles
15. Department of the Adjutant General
16. Division of Employment Security
  - Board of Review
17. Hurricane Relief Board



18. Licensing Board for the City of Boston
19. Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission  
Massachusetts State Airport Management Board
20. Metropolitan District Commission
21. Milk Control Commission
22. Outdoor Advertising Authority
23. Sergeant-at-Arms
24. State Racing Commission

#### VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 46, Section 17, returns of births, marriages and deaths from 351 cities and towns and births and deaths from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury for the year 1954 were received and total 107,900 births and 34,490 marriages, an increase of 2,764 births and a decrease of 2,262 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1953.

Under the provisions of the same statute 51,907 certified copies of deaths were received, a decrease of 646, as compared with the records of 1953.

Medical Examiners' returns for 1954 cover 12,432, an increase of 888 as compared with returns for 1953.

Returns by Clerks of Courts and Registers of Probate of the decrees of divorce granted during 1954 number 5,835, a decrease of 506, as compared with the returns of 1953.

From July 1, 1954 to June 30, 1955, 10,045 certificates of births, 1,975 certificates of marriages and 2,944 certificates of deaths were issued, a total of 14,964 certified copies. Besides these 6,530 were certified abstracts given the Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims without fee.

In addition to the above, 4,103 records were verified for various government agencies.

The demand for records for military purposes, social security, aid and relief, school and other purposes still continues.

There were 51,367 requests for records during this period.

A total of \$8,741.10 was received by this Division during this fiscal period. Of this amount \$7,482.00 was for certified copies of births, marriages and death records; \$151.50 for certificating of exact copies of records and for exemplified statements; and \$1,107.60 was refunded to the remitters because excessive amounts were sent in or the requested service could not be rendered. 20,181 card abstracts of birth records for school, employment, enlistment, welfare and civil service purposes were issued without charge.

There were 7,232 references of records of marriages and deaths issued without fee for welfare, old age assistance, employment and insurance purposes.

There were 9,649 delayed records of birth and corrections of birth records, 682 corrections of marriages and 192 corrections of death records.

Returns of 3,878 names changed in 1954 as decreed by the courts were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, Chapter 210, Section 12.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

The reports from this office which form a part of the Public Document series, namely, Returns of Births, Marriages, Divorces and Deaths (Public Document No. 1) and Election Statistics (Public Document No. 43) have been made, as required by law.

EDWARD J. CRONIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*



THE FOLLOWING ARE THE  
RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION  
TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS  
OF THE GENERAL LAWS

ALSO

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION  
OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY  
THE GENERAL COURT

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RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1954					
July 6	Town Clerk, West Springfield	An Act relative to the continuation of rent control (1954, 496)	June 21, 1954	-1	-
Sept. 2	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act relative to the operation of the Springfield Municipal Hospital, and the incorporation therein of the existing isolation hospital in the city of Springfield (1953, 221)	Aug. 30, 1954	-2	-
Sept. 23	City Clerk, Boston	An Act creating the Brighton Watertown Incinerator Authority and defining its powers and duties (1954, 253)	Sept. 21, 1954	-3	-
Sept. 23	City Clerk, Medford	An Act authorizing cities and towns to establish commissions to promote business and industry, and to appropriate money therefor (1954, 297)	Sept. 7, 1954	-3	-
Sept. 24	City Clerk, North Adams	An Act requiring the city of North Adams to repay to certain members of its police department their contributions to the contributory retirement system of said city, and establishing their retirement rights (1954, 586)	Sept. 15, 1954	-3	-
Sept. 27	Chairman, Hampden County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of the county of Hampden to provide adequate elevator accommodations and facilities for the superior court building at Springfield (1953, 403)	July 28, 1954	-4	-
Sept. 30	Town Clerk, Norwood	An Act authorizing cities and towns to establish commissions to promote business and industry, and to appropriate money therefor (1954, 297)	Sept. 27, 1954	-3	-
Oct. 20	Town Clerk, Winchendon	An Act giving permanent civil service status to George S. Higgins, a patrolman of the town of Winchendon (1954, 205)	Oct. 14, 1954	177	3
Oct. 28	City Clerk, Boston	An Act empowering the Boston Traffic Commission to provide by rule or regulation for the removal of vehicles parked or standing in violation of law on public ways in the downtown area of the city of Boston (1954, 369)	Oct. 26, 1954	-3	-
Oct. 28	Town Clerk, North Reading	An Act authorizing cities and towns to establish commissions to promote business and industry, and to appropriate money therefor (1954, 297)	Oct. 18, 1954	-1	-
Oct. 28	Town Clerk, North Reading	An Act to authorize towns to establish interim commissions to promote business and industry and to appropriate money therefor (1954, 511)	Oct. 18, 1954	-1	-
Nov. 5	Town Clerk, Plymouth	An Act creating the Plymouth Paganet Authority (1954, 358)	Nov. 2, 1954	2,075	2,221
Nov. 5	Town Clerk, Randolph	An Act establishing a selectmen-town manager form of government for the town of Randolph (1954, 255)	Nov. 2, 1954	2,457	1,857
Nov. 5	Town Clerk, Athol	An Act establishing in the town of Athol representative town government by limited town meetings (1954, 382)	Nov. 2, 1954	1,991	2,228
Nov. 8	Town Clerk, Scituate	An Act establishing a selectmen-manager form of government for the town of Scituate (1953, 417)	Nov. 2, 1954	1,457	1,929
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Malden	An Act authorizing the city of Malden to establish a public works commission (1954, 384)	Nov. 2, 1954	15,450	4,750
Nov. 10	Town Clerk, Ipswich	An Act establishing a selectmen-executive-secretary form of government for the town of Ipswich (1954, 620)	Nov. 2, 1954	2,136	856
Nov. 10	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act providing for non-partisan preliminary elections in the town of Natick, and regulating the contents of ballots used at elections in said town (1954, 431)	Nov. 2, 1954	3,937	3,392
Nov. 10	City Clerk, Malden	An Act providing for the division of ward six into two wards and increasing to eight the number of wards in the city of Malden (1954, 500)	Nov. 2, 1954	13,755	5,966
Nov. 12	City Clerk, Fitchburg	An Act relative to the salaries of the mayor and city council of the city of Fitchburg (1954, 639)	Nov. 2, 1954	6,015	8,037
Nov. 15	City Clerk, Newton	An Act to provide for the division of the city of Newton into eight wards and to increase the number of aldermen to twenty-four and the number of members of the school committee to eight (1954, 532)	Nov. 2, 1954	24,648	7,149

Dec. 15	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1951, 781)	Dec. 14, 1954	-	-
Dec. 20	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act relative to liens for water rates and charges (1954, 487)	Dec. 14, 1954	-	-
1955					
Jan. 7	Town Clerk, Weymouth	An Act to authorize towns to establish interim commissions to promote business and industry and to appropriate money therefor (1954, 511)	Oct. 4, 1954	-	-
Mar. 15	Town Clerk, Concord	An Act establishing a selectmen-manager form of government for the town of Concord (1952, 280)	Mar. 7, 1955	1,386	1,242
Mar. 9	Town Clerk, Shrewsbury	An Act exempting the manager of the electric light department of the town of Shrewsbury from the civil service laws and rules, and relative to the powers of the town manager of said town (1955, 68)	Mar. 7, 1955	1,029	1,005
Mar. 11	City Clerk, Revere	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the present director of the Revere Youth Commission (1955, 77)	Mar. 9, 1955	-	-
Mar. 17	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act authorizing cities and towns to establish commissions to promote business and industry, and to appropriate money therefor (1954, 297)	Mar. 15, 1955	-	-
Mar. 24	Town Clerk, Amesbury	An Act establishing in the town of Amesbury representative town government by limited town meetings (1953, 6)	Mar. 14, 1955	1,697	1,221
Mar. 24	Town Clerk, Hull	An Act relative to increasing the amount of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Mar. 7, 1955	-	-
Apr. 4	Town Clerk, Marblehead	An Act providing that certain town meeting votes shall be subject to a referendum in the town of Marblehead (1954, 405)	Mar. 21, 1955	-	-
Apr. 13	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to sell certain park land therein to the Hebrew Home for Aged (1955, 36)	Apr. 12, 1955	-	-
Apr. 14	Clerk, Union Congregational Church in Westford	An Act establishing the First Parish Church United of Westford and authorizing the transfer of certain property by the Union Congregational Church in Westford and the First Congregational Parish (Unitarian) in Westford, Massachusetts, to said First Parish Church United of Westford (1955, 144)	April 11, 1955	-	-
Apr. 14	Clerk, First Congregational Parish (Unitarian) in Westford, Massachusetts	An Act establishing the First Parish Church United of Westford and authorizing the transfer of certain property by the Union Congregational Church in Westford and the First Congregational Parish (Unitarian) in Westford, Massachusetts, to said First Parish Church United of Westford (1955, 144)	Apr. 11, 1955	-	-
Apr. 15	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to rent control (1955, 225)	Apr. 5, 1955	-	-
Apr. 15	City Clerk, Brockton	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 14, 1955	-	-
Apr. 15	City Clerk, Cambridge	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 11, 1955	-	-
Apr. 15	City Clerk, Chelsea	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 2, 1955	-	-
Apr. 15	City Clerk, Chicopee	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 8, 1955	-	-
Apr. 15	Assistant City Clerk, Haverhill	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 12, 1955	-	-
Apr. 15	City Clerk, Holyoke	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 7, 1955	-	-
Apr. 15	City Clerk, Lawrence	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 11, 1955	-	-
Apr. 15	City Clerk, Lowell	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 6, 1955	-	-
Apr. 15	City Clerk, Malden	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 5, 1955	-	-
Apr. 15	City Clerk, Marlborough	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 8, 1955	-	-
Apr. 15	City Clerk, Medford	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 5, 1955	-	-
Apr. 15	City Clerk, Revere	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 4, 1955	-	-
Apr. 15	Town Clerk, Swampscott	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 4, 1955	-	-
Apr. 15	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act authorizing a city or town to grant annuities and to increase certain retirement allowances, pensions and annuities of certain officials and employees or to their surviving spouses or children (1953, 387)	Mar. 15, 1955	-	-
Apr. 18	City Clerk, Medford	An Act relative to annual vacations for certain employees of certain cities and towns (1952, 488)	Apr. 12, 1955	-	-

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT—Continued

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1955					
Apr. 18	City Clerk, Chicopee	An Act authorizing the city of Chicopee to sell and convey to Oscar Dion a portion of Nash Field in said city (1955, 166)	Apr. 8, 1955	4	—
Apr. 21	Town Clerk, Shrewsbury	An Act authorizing the town of Shrewsbury to construct and operate a system of sewerage and sewage disposal (1954, 502)	Apr. 4, 1955	—	—
Apr. 30	Town Clerk, Brookline	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 26, 1955	1	—
Apr. 30	Town Clerk, Clinton	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 28, 1955	1	—
Apr. 30	City Clerk, Everett	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 18, 1955	50	10
Apr. 30	City Clerk, Fall River	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 21, 1955	3	—
Apr. 30	City Clerk, Fitchburg	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 18, 1955	3	—
Apr. 30	City Clerk, Lynn	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 25, 1955	3	—
Apr. 30	City Clerk, New Bedford	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 20, 1955	3	—
Apr. 30	Town Clerk, North Andover	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 27, 1955	1	—
Apr. 30	Town Clerk, Northbridge	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 25, 1955	1	—
Apr. 30	City Clerk, Salem	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 28, 1955	2	—
Apr. 30	City Clerk, Somerville	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 26, 1955	9	—
Apr. 30	City Clerk, Springfield	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 25, 1955	2	—
Apr. 30	City Clerk, Waltham	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 25, 1955	2	—
Apr. 30	City Clerk, Woburn	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 20, 1955	3	—
Apr. 30	City Clerk, Worcester	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 20, 1955	3	—
Apr. 30	Town Clerk, Framingham	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 20, 1955	—	—
Apr. 30	Town Clerk, Maynard	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 20, 1955	—	—
May 5	City Clerk, Boston	Same act as above (1955, 225)	Apr. 25, 1955	1	—
May 11	Town Clerk, Fairhaven	An Act to make persons employed by the trustees of the George Robert White Fund in the city of Boston eligible for membership in the State-Boston retirement system (1955, 309)	May 3, 1955	3	—
May 11	Town Clerk, Fairhaven	An Act clarifying the acceptance of the provisions of the civil service laws by the town of Fairhaven (1954, 28)	May 3, 1955	55	42
May 19	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act authorizing the city of Somerville to pay certain medical expenses of John J. Curtin, a disabled retired police officer of said city (1955, 341)	Mar. 13, 1954	3	—
May 20	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act relative to the compensation of certain election officers in the city of Cambridge (1955, 60)	May 12, 1955	3	—
May 20	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing off-street parking facilities in the city of Worcester (1955, 365)	May 16, 1955	2	—
May 20	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing off-street parking facilities in the city of Worcester (1955, 365)	May 17, 1955	2	—

<sup>1</sup>Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.

<sup>2</sup>Accepted by the city council.

<sup>3</sup>Accepted by the mayor and city council.

<sup>4</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampden County.

<sup>5</sup>Adopted by unanimous vote.

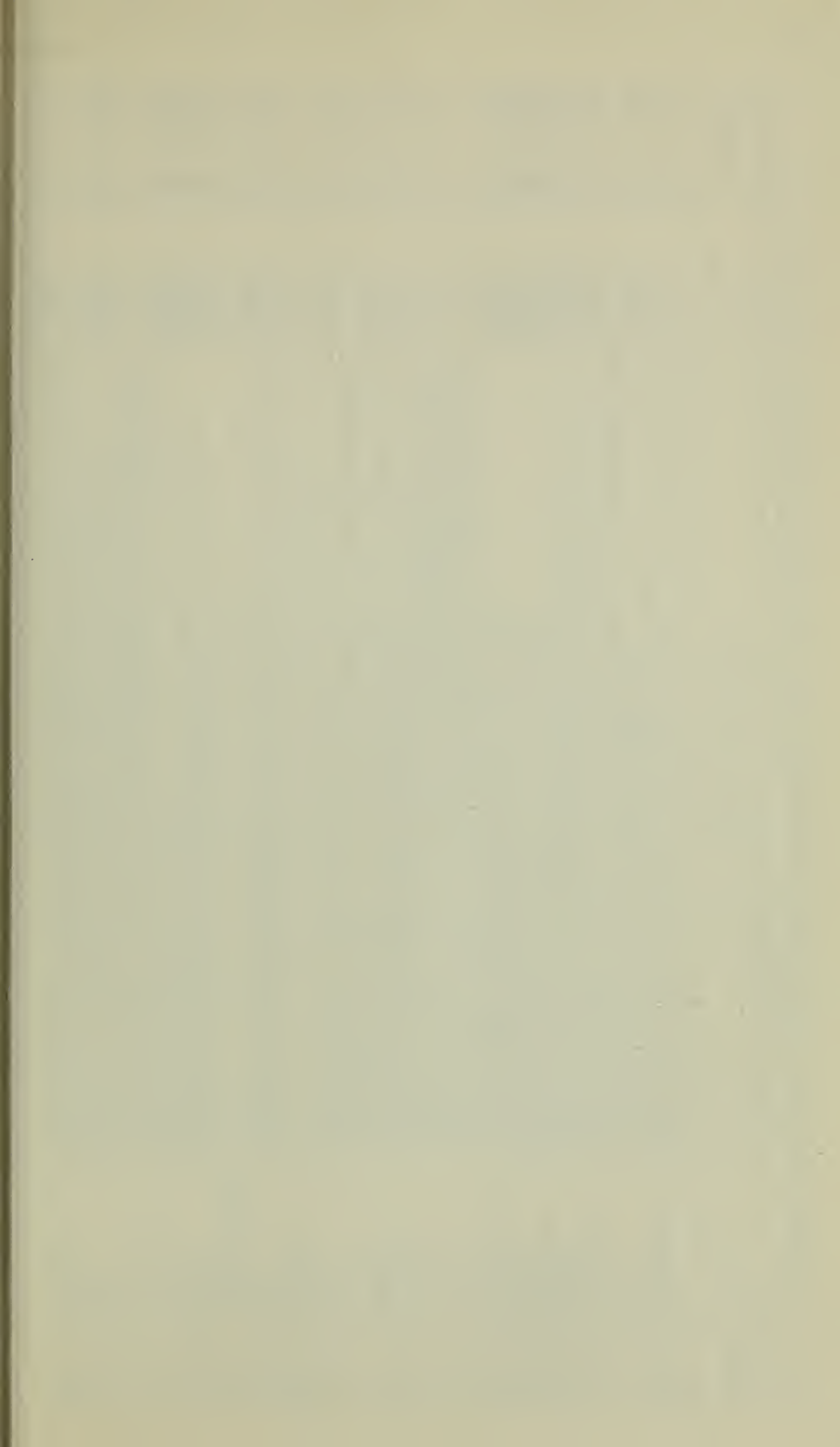
<sup>6</sup>Accepted by the board of aldermen.

<sup>7</sup>Accepted by the Union Congregational Church in Westford.

<sup>8</sup>Accepted by the First Congregational Parish (Unitarian) in Westford.

<sup>9</sup>Accepted by the mayor and board of aldermen.





## RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL LAWS

WHEN RECEIVED	CITY OR TOWN	SUBJECT AND REFERENCE	ACTION	DATE OF ACTION
1954				
July 6	West Springfield	Absent voting at regular town elections, G. L. 54, s. 103A, as amended	Accepted	June 21, 1954
July 9	Medford	Indemnification by cities and towns of certain retired police officers and fire fighters for certain hospital, medical and surgical expenses, 1953, 628, s. 1 (G. L. 41, s. 100B)	Accepted	July 6, 1954
Aug. 9	Revere	Creditable service in the retirement of certain police officers and firemen in certain cities and towns, 1954, 268 (G. L. 32, s. 851)	Accepted	Aug. 5, 1954
Sept. 17	North Adams	Retirement allowances for school janitors in certain cities and towns, 1945, 708, s. 1 (G. L. 32, s. 45A)	Accepted	Sept. 15, 1954
Oct. 14	Chatham	Licensed operation on the Lord's day of bowling alleys, 1946, 207, s. 3 (G. L. 136, s. 4B)	Accepted	Oct. 11, 1954
Oct. 14	Brookton	Repair by cities and towns of private ways therein open to public use, 1953, 386, s. 1 (G. L. 40, s. 6F)	Accepted	Oct. 27, 1954
Oct. 27	North Reading	Absent voting at regular town elections, G. L. 54, s. 103A, as amended	Accepted	Oct. 18, 1954
Nov. 4	Harvard	Vacations for certain municipal employees, G. L. 41, s. 111, as amended	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1954
Nov. 8	Leiden	Contributory retirement system for cities and towns, G. L. 32, ss. 1-28	Rejected	Nov. 2, 1954
Nov. 8	Gay Head	Contributory retirement system for cities and towns, G. L. 32, ss. 1-28	Rejected	Nov. 2, 1954
Nov. 8	East Longmeadow	Vacations for certain municipal employees, G. L. 41, s. 111, as amended	Accepted	Nov. 2, 1954
Nov. 15	Chelsea	Indemnification by cities and towns of officers or employees for damages, etc., incurred on account of injuries arising out of their operation of publicly owned motor vehicles, G. L. 41, s. 100A, as amended	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1954
Nov. 19	Worcester	Additional day off duty or, under certain circumstances, an additional day's pay for fire fighters of certain cities and towns, when they are required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Nov. 16, 1954
Nov. 19	Worcester	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for police officers of certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A)	Accepted	Nov. 16, 1954
Nov. 30	Pittsfield	Pay-roll deductions on account of union dues in the case of certain state, county or municipal employees, 1950, 740 (G. L. 180, s. 17A)	Accepted	Nov. 24, 1954
Dec. 2	Cambridge	Pay-roll deductions on account of union dues in the case of certain state, county or municipal employees, 1950, 740 (G. L. 180, s. 17A)	Accepted	Nov. 29, 1954
Dec. 31	Revere	Overtime service by police officers of certain cities and towns, 1954, 573 (G. L. 41, s. 111H)	Accepted	Dec. 27, 1954
1955				
Jan. 4	Chelsea	Response of fire departments to calls for aid from other cities, etc., 1949, 77 (G. L. 48, s. 59A)	Accepted	Dec. 27, 1954
Jan. 7	Revere	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for police officers of certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A)	Accepted	Jan. 3, 1955
Jan. 7	Hadley Water Supply District, Hadley	Collection of water rates, G. L. 40, ss. 42A-42F, as amended	Accepted	Nov. 4, 1954
Jan. 7	Asbland	Establishment of commissions to promote business and industry, 1954, 297, s. 1 (G. L. 40, s. 8A)	Accepted	Oct. 20, 1954
Jan. 7	Weymouth	Establishment of commissions to promote business and industry, 1954, 297, s. 1 (G. L. 40, s. 8A)	Accepted	Oct. 4, 1954
Jan. 7	Everett	Collection of water rates, G. L. 40, ss. 42A-42F	Accepted	Dec. 31, 1954
Jan. 17	Everett	Workmen's compensation for foremen, sub-foremen and inspectors, 1927, 309, s. 12 (G. L. 152, s. 69)	Accepted	Dec. 10, 1954
Feb. 17	Revere	Additional day off duty or, under certain circumstances, an additional day's pay for fire fighters of certain cities and towns, when they are required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Feb. 14, 1955
Feb. 25	Gardner	Establishment of commissions to promote business and industry, 1954, 297, s. 1 (G. L. 40, s. 8A)	Accepted	Feb. 9, 1955
Mar. 4	Bourne	Removal of snow and ice from private ways open to public use, 1943, 225 (G. L. 40, s. 6C)	Accepted	Feb. 16, 1955
Mar. 4	Bourne	Five-day week for police in certain cities and towns, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C)	Accepted	Feb. 16, 1955
Mar. 4	Holyoke	Creditable service in the retirement of certain police officers and firemen in certain cities and towns, 1954, 268 (G. L. 32, s. 851)	Accepted	Feb. 14, 1955
			Accepted	Feb. 21, 1955

Mar. 17	Marshfield	Payment of betterment assessments in installments over a period of twenty years, 1954, 286 (G. L. 80, s. 13)	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1955
Mar. 18	Wilington	Regulating the hours of duty of permanent members of fire departments in certain cities and towns, G. L. 48, s. 58A	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1955
Mar. 21	Milton	Creditable service in the retirement of certain police officers and firemen in certain cities and towns, 1954, 288 (G. L. 32, s. 85f)	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1955
Mar. 22	Marblehead	Creditable service in the retirement of certain police officers and firemen in certain cities and towns, 1954, 288 (G. L. 32, s. 85f)	Accepted	Mar. 14, 1955
Mar. 23	West Springfield	Pay-roll deductions on account of union dues in the case of certain state, county or municipal employees, 1950, 740 (G. L. 180, s. 17A)	Accepted	Mar. 14, 1955
Mar. 23	Chicopee	Making of repairs on private ways by cities and towns, 1953, 386 (G. L. 40, s. 6F)	Accepted	Mar. 22, 1955
Mar. 24	Sandwich	Pertaining to smoke nuisance G. L. 140, ss. 132-136, as amended	Accepted	Mar. 21, 1955
Mar. 24	Mansfield	Collection by collector of accounts G. L. 41, s. 38A	Accepted	Feb. 28, 1955
Mar. 24	Amesbury	Establishment of department of public works in towns, authorized 1953, 101 (G. L. 41, ss. 69C-69F)	Accepted	Mar. 14, 1955
Mar. 27	Hull	Registration and operation of certain bicycles, 1941, 710 (G. L. 85, s. 11A)	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1955
Mar. 27	Hull	Pertaining to the licensing of dancing schools, G. L. 40, s. 185H	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1955
Mar. 28	Manchester	Uniforms for police and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B	Accepted	Mar. 14, 1955
Mar. 28	Weymouth	Payment of premiums for group life insurance for certain town employees, 1952, 239 (G. L. 40, s. 5, clause 44)	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1955
Mar. 29	Frammingham	Overtime service by police officers of certain cities and towns, 1953, 293 (G. L. 41, s. 111H)	Accepted	Mar. 21, 1955
Apr. 1	Brookline	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for police officers of certain cities and towns, when required to work on legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A)	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1955
Apr. 1	Brookline	Additional day's pay or an additional day off duty for fire fighters in certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1955
Apr. 5	North Andover	Overtime service by police officers of certain cities and towns, 1954, 573 (G. L. 41, s. 111H)	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1955
Apr. 6	Norwood	Overtime service by police officers of certain cities and towns, 1954, 573 (G. L. 41, s. 111H)	Accepted	Mar. 19, 1955
Apr. 6	Westfield	Creditable service in the retirement of certain police officers and firemen in certain cities and towns, 1954, 268 (G. L. 32, s. 85f)	Accepted	Mar. 31, 1955
Apr. 7	Winthrop	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for police officers of certain cities and towns, when required to work on legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A)	Accepted	Mar. 31, 1955
Apr. 7	Winthrop	Additional day's pay or an additional day off duty for fire fighters in certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Apr. 4, 1955
Apr. 11	Belmont	Relating to the labor service of the town, under civil service, G. L. 31, s. 47	Accepted	Apr. 4, 1955
Apr. 12	Marblehead	Establishment of sidewalks, G. L. 83, s. 25	Accepted	Mar. 20, 1955
Apr. 12	Kingston	Establishment of planning board, 1947, 340, s. 4 (G. L. 41, s. 81A)	Accepted	Mar. 15, 1955
Apr. 14	Rockland	Vacations for police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 384 (G. L. 41, s. 111D)	Accepted	Mar. 19, 1955
Apr. 18	Chicopee	Collection of water rates, G. L. 40, ss. 42A-42F, as amended	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1955
Apr. 20	Watertown	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for police officers of certain cities and towns, when required to work on legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A)	Accepted	Apr. 8, 1955
Apr. 20	Watertown	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for fire fighters in certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Apr. 4, 1955
Apr. 21	Shrewsbury	Collection of water rates, G. L. 40, ss. 42A-42F, as amended	Accepted	Apr. 4, 1955
Apr. 21	Shrewsbury	Assessment of cost of public improvements, G. L. 80, s. 1	Accepted	Apr. 4, 1955
Apr. 25	Natick	Creditable service in the retirement of certain police officers and firemen in certain cities and towns, 1954, 268 (G. L. 32, s. 85f)	Accepted	Mar. 28, 1955
May 4	North Andover	Sick leave for laborers, workmen and mechanics employed by certain cities and towns, G. L. 41, s. 111B, as amended	Accepted	Mar. 23, 1955
May 27	Westwood	Repair by cities and towns of private ways, 1951, 299 (G. L. 40, s. 6E)	Accepted	Apr. 27, 1955
May 31	Saugus	Indemnification by cities and towns of certain retired police officers and fire fighters for certain hospital, medical and surgical expenses, 1953, 628, s. 1 (G. L. 41, s. 100B)	Accepted	Mar. 14, 1955
May 31	Saugus	To amend the zoning enabling law, G. L. 40A, s. 20	Accepted	May 16, 1955
May 31	North Andover	No loss of pay or vacation for certain state and municipal employees in militia, 1954, 590 (G. L. 33, s. 59)	Accepted	Apr. 27, 1955





The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Secretary of the Commonwealth

OF

MASSACHUSETTS

FOR THE

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1956



EDWARD J. CRONIN

Secretary of the Commonwealth



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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, July 2, 1956.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:—*

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, Chapter 9, Section 17, as amended, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956. This report also includes the returns from cities and towns relative to action taken under certain provisions of the General Laws, and returns relative to the acceptance or rejection of certain Special Acts passed by the General Court, which returns were received during the fiscal year 1956.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD J. CRONIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

## LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

### 1956 SESSION OF THE GENERAL COURT

In previous reports I have included a brief summary of such legislation as was enacted during the next prior session of the General Court and was of particular application or interest to the administration of the office of the State Secretary.

During the 1956 session of the General Court there were several measures enacted which are of such general interest and a brief abstract of the same is contained in the following summary. Many matters were pending at the conclusion of the fiscal year, June 30, 1956, which may be acted upon before prorogation.

### ANNUAL PROCLAMATIONS OF THE GOVERNOR

The General Court by Chapter 106 of the Acts of 1955 provided for the annual proclamation of the fourth Sunday in May of each year as "Senior Citizens Day," for observance by the public in honoring the elder citizens of the commonwealth.

By Chapter 618 of the Acts of 1956 the legislature has provided for an annual proclamation setting aside the second Sunday in August as "Children's Day," and recommending that this day be set aside in recognition of our children.

### LAWS RELATIVE TO CORPORATIONS ENACTED IN 1956

*Chapter 390.* An Act Relative to the Filing of Annual Returns by Certain Corporations.

*This statute amends the 1955 act (Chapter 290 of 1955) requiring the paying of a fee of two dollars and the filing of annual certificates showing the name, location, date of last annual meeting and the names, addresses and terms of all officers by corporations organized under Chapter 180 of the General Laws, loosely called charitable corporations. The 1955 act was passed to assure a continuing record of such corporations. The 1955 act excluded churches and religious organizations only. The exclusion is extended by this act to non-profit schools and colleges, political organizations established prior to January 1, 1923 and charitable hospitals. This amendment is inserted as Section 26A of Chapter 180 of the General Laws.*

### 1956 STATUTES RELATIVE TO ELECTIONS

*Chapter 67.* Relative to the counting of Absent Voter ballots in cities and towns where voting machines are used.

*Provides that the city or town clerk shall turn over ballot envelopes unopened and the application of the voter to the election officers in the precincts wherein applicants assert their right to vote within one hour after the closing of the polls.*

*Chapter 74.* Relative to the nomination papers of candidates for Delegate to a National Convention and for State Committee.

*Allows the use of the eight-word statement on nomination papers by candidates for State Committee, delegate or alternate to national conventions.*

*Chapter 134.* Relative to holding sessions for registration of voters prior to a special election.

*Clarifies the law and makes it uniform.*

*This eliminates any contrary provision in any general or special laws.*

*Chapter 135.* Relative to the time of filing objections to nomination papers. Clarifies the law with regard to date of filing objections.

*This provides for filing objections with the state secretary or city or town clerks within 72, 48 or 24 hours after five o'clock of last day of filing.*

*Chapter 180.* Relative to the form of question to be used by cities and towns in placing provisions of the General Laws on the ballot for acceptance by the voters.

*This act prescribes the form of submission.*

*Chapter 230.* An act making the law relative to corrupt practices apply to all public elections (see printed title).

*This includes election of town officers in towns of less than 10,000 population.*

*Chapter 232.* Relative to the nomination of certain candidates at State Primaries.

*This prevents filing as a candidate of a major party and also as an independent candidate. Unless such a candidate elects. his name will not be printed on the ballot either way.*

## GENERAL LEGISLATION

### HOUSING OF ARCHIVES

This office has for several years advocated the appropriation of funds for the construction of a new building affording adequate space for the storage, protection and display of the invaluable archives of the Commonwealth. It is a pleasure to report that a measure recommending the appropriation of \$1,005,000 has been favorably reported in the legislature.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

As provided in General Laws, Chapter 31, Sections 32 and 33, each department head must file such recommendations as embrace legislative proposals through this office for transmission to the General Court on or before the first Wednesday of November of each calendar year. This department likewise must file such recommendations as require legislation on the same day. In compliance therewith, I shall file such recommendations and reasons in support thereof with the clerk of the House of Representatives on November 7, 1956.

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES IN DEPARTMENT  
OF  
THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1956

ACCOUNTS  
FINANCES OF DEPARTMENT

The subjoined financial statements set forth the receipts and disbursements of the Department of the State Secretary for the fiscal year 1955-1956.

It is worthy of note that the receipts of this office approximate one million dollars and exceed the disbursements by \$336,915.95.

This is so despite the fact that the expenses of the presidential primary of 1956 are included.

It is now firmly established that the office of the secretary of the commonwealth is more than self-supporting.

AUGUST 23, 1956.

To the Secretary of the Commonwealth:

The following table shows in detail receipts from fees, etc., for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, all of which were paid into the Treasury daily and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Council as required by General Laws (Tercentenary Edition). Chapter 9, Section 1.

Commissions . . . . .		\$ 33,205 00
Corporations . . . . .		868,617 14
Limited Partnerships . . . . .		380 00
Trade Marks . . . . .		5,700 00
Sale of Books . . . . .		30,742 73
Certificates . . . . .		3,628 00
Military Records . . . . .		10 45
Copies—Archives . . . . .	\$ 3,645 35	
Corporations . . . . .	22,133 22	25,778 57
Advance Sheets . . . . .		3,190 00
Vital Statistics . . . . .		7,884 00
Trust Receipts . . . . .		9,285 00
Liens . . . . .		228 00
Declarations of Trust . . . . .		10,540 00
Miscellaneous . . . . .		407 00
		<u>\$999,595 89</u>

Financial Statement Verified  
Date: September 28, 1956  
Approved for Publishing, FRED A. MONCEWICZ, *Comptroller*.

## EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR 1956

0501-01 Secretary's Salary . . . . .	\$ 11,000 00
0501-02 Administration . . . . .	320,815 10
0501-03 Study and Disposition of Certain Documents . . . . .	4,982 94
0501-10 Decennial Census . . . . .	41,285 27
0502-01 Archives and Photostatic Copies . . . . .	4,996 90
0502-02 Journals of the House . . . . .	2,250 00
0503-01 Printing Acts and Resolves . . . . .	19,269 54
0503-02 Decisions of Supreme Court . . . . .	25,246 60
0503-03 Printing Public Documents . . . . .	9,077 38
0504-01 Primaries and Other Elections . . . . .	222,270 81
0505-01 Medical Examiners Fees . . . . .	1,485 50
Total . . . . .	<u>\$662,680 04</u>

Excess of Receipts over Expenditures \$336,915.85.



## ANNUAL REPORTS

On or before the first Wednesday of December in each fiscal year every state officer, department, board and commission which is required by law to file an annual report must deposit such report with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The only exceptions are in the few cases where some other date is specifically provided by law for the filing of a report.

During 1955, pursuant to this requirement, the following officers, departments, boards and commissions filed annual reports on or before the first Wednesday of December, 1955:—

Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, 1955  
 Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine, 1955  
 Directory of Labor Organizations (Department of Labor and Industries), 1955  
 Labor Relations Commission (Department of Labor and Industries), 1955  
 Department of Public Safety, 1955  
 Trustees, Belchertown State School, 1955  
 Department of Public Health, 1955  
 Department of the Attorney General, 1955

Subsequent to legal filing date, the following reports were received:—

Division of Occupational Hygiene (Department of Labor and Industries), 1954  
 Board of Registration in Chiropody (Podiatry), 1954  
 Board of Registration in Chiropody (Podiatry), 1955  
 Board of Registration in Optometry, 1955  
 State Examiners of Electricians, 1955  
 Trustees, Myles Standish State School, 1955  
 Department of Natural Resources, 1955  
 Appellate Tax Board, 1955  
 Trustees, Taunton State Hospital, 1955  
 Trustees, Grafton State Hospital, 1955  
 University of Massachusetts, 1955  
 Department of Correction (Statistical Report), 1954  
 Elections Statistics Report (Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth), 1954  
 Elections Statistics Report (Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth), 1955  
 Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section A, Co-operative Banks and Savings and Loan Agencies, 1955  
 Commission Against Discrimination, 1955  
 Purchasing Bureau (Commission on Administration and Finance), 1955  
 Department of Correction, 1953  
 Department of Correction, 1954  
 Division on the Necessaries of Life (Department of Labor and Industries), 1955  
 Division of Standards (Department of Labor and Industries), 1955  
 Outdoor Advertising Authority, 1955  
 Board of Dental Examiners, 1955  
 Trustees Northampton State Hospital, 1955  
 Port of Boston Commission, 1955  
 Department of the Auditor, 1955  
 Comptroller's Bureau (Commission on Administration and Finance), 1955  
 Judicial Council of Massachusetts, 1955  
 Commission on Interstate Cooperation, 1953 and 1954  
 Division of Library Extension (Department of Education), 1955  
 Finance Commission of the City of Boston, 1955  
 Trustees, Medfield State Hospital, 1954  
 Trustees, Medfield State Hospital, 1955  
 Trustees, Boston State Hospital, 1955  
 Trustees, Monson State Hospital, 1955  
 Department of Education, Part 1, 1955  
 Department of Education, Part 2, 1955

Trustees, Walter E. Fernald State School, 1955  
 Trustees, Westborough State Hospital, 1955  
 Trustees, Metropolitan State Hospital, 1955  
 Lowell Technological Institute for Academic Year 1954-1955  
 Division of Registration (Department of Civil Service and Registration), 1955  
 Board of Registration in Pharmacy, 1955  
 Report of Study by State Advisory Council of the Massachusetts Employment Security Law, 1955  
 State Racing Commission, 1955  
 Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section B, Credit Unions, 1955  
 Division of Statistics (Department of Labor and Industries), 1954  
 Division of Fisheries and Game, 1955  
 Metropolitan District Assessments (Treasurer and Receiver-General), 1955  
 Division of Industrial Safety (Department of Labor and Industries), 1955  
 State Reclamation Board (Department of Agriculture), 1955  
 Bureau of Loan Agencies (Division of Banks and Loan Agencies), 1955  
 Trustees, Foxborough State Hospital, 1954  
 Statistics of Municipal Finances (Department of Corporations and Taxation), 1953  
 Department of Mental Health, 1955  
 Vital Statistics of Massachusetts (Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth), 1954  
 Department of the Treasurer and Receiver-General, 1955  
 Division of Insurance, Fire and Marine Business, Part 1, 1953  
 Division of Insurance, Life and Miscellaneous Business, Part 2, 1953  
 Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section D, Trust Companies and Certain Other Financial Institutions, 1955

#### ARCHIVES DIVISION

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956, there have been made 8 military certificates; 21 typewritten copies; 69,702 photostatic copies of legislative records, maps, plans, corporation records, and veterans' discharges.

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Section 167, as amended, providing for the filing in the Secretary's Office of a statement by persons who represent petitioners for pardons, paroles, commutations, of or respites from sentences, 40 persons have so filed.

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Section 152, as amended, providing for the filing of certified copies of petitions for pardons, paroles, and commutations of sentences, together with other documents pertaining thereto, 90 cases have been received and filed.

Under General Laws, Chapter 264, Section 14, providing for the taking of an oath by every person entering the service of the Commonwealth and the filing of such oath in the office of the Secretary, approximately 21,000 oaths have been received and filed.

At long last, after years of unceasing effort, it appears that the priceless historical records of the Commonwealth and the formative years of the Republic will be adequately housed and displayed.

Provision should be made to transfer these records, making such repairs and restorations as necessary. This will require an increased staff of competent workers.

#### CENSUS DIVISION

The population figures and enumeration of legal voters for counties, cities and towns were certified and published by the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the official figures of the Decennial Census of 1955, in accordance with Article LXXI of the Constitution and the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 9, Section 7.

The pamphlet "The Decennial Census 1955" is now prepared with the exception of the additional tables; tables relating to age groups, by sex in the cities and towns, broken down by wards in cities and by precincts in precinct towns having 12,000 or more population; tables showing the employment status of persons 16 years of age and over, and tables with breakdown as to the wars served in by veterans resident in Massachusetts. These tables will be ready for distribution during the Autumn of 1956.

A recapitulation by age and sex has been completed. It is inserted here for convenient reference. It is of interest because it demonstrates the school problems which confront us in the younger groups of school and pre-school age. It likewise shows that while there are more females than males in the Commonwealth the males predominate in every group through fourteen years of age and the females in all age groups over fifteen years of age.

### RECAPITULATION

#### The State:

POPULATION, 4,837,645; MALES, 2,335,019; FEMALES, 2,502,626

AGE	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
0- 1	477,718	45,343	93,061
1- 2	47,723	46,311	94,034
2- 3	51,107	49,463	100,570
3- 4	48,896	47,202	96,098
4- 5	46,749	44,721	91,470
5- 6	46,078	44,627	90,705
6- 9	174,635	168,223	342,858
10-14	181,283	174,433	355,716
15-19	140,196	140,412	280,608
20-24	146,689	151,909	298,598
25-29	166,807	177,149	343,956
30-34	176,297	188,938	365,235
35-39	169,021	186,957	355,978
40-44	162,111	177,819	339,930
45-49	145,449	162,988	308,437
50-54	135,840	155,823	291,663
55-59	122,260	140,901	263,161
60-64	108,001	123,565	231,566
65-69	87,269	107,486	194,755
70 and over	130,890	168,356	299,246

### COMMISSIONS

The number of commissions issued during the year ending June 30, 1956 was 5,779, of which 856 were without fee and 103 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder.

The different classes were as follows:

Notaries Public	4,760
Justices of the Peace	135
Justices of the Peace designated to solemnize marriages	12
Justices of the Peace to issue warrants and take bail	5
Associate Justice, Supreme Judicial Court	1
Chief Justice, Superior Court	1
Associate Justice, Superior Court	2
Judge of Probate and Insolvency, Bristol County	1
Judge of Probate and Insolvency, Hampden County	1
Justice, Central District Court of Northern Essex	1
Justice, Third District Court of Eastern Middlesex	1
Justice, First District Court of Eastern Worcester	1
Special Justice, District Court of Western Hampden	1
District Attorney, Northern District	1
Sheriff, Bristol County	1
Sheriff, Plymouth County	1



Clerks, District Courts . . . . .	5
Masters in Chancery . . . . .	10
Public Administrators . . . . .	8
Medical Examiners . . . . .	10
Associate Medical Examiners . . . . .	18
Trustees, Miscellaneous Hospitals and Hospital Schools . . . . .	16
Trustees, Mental Hospitals and Schools . . . . .	18
Trustees, County Agricultural Schools . . . . .	3
Trustees, Soldiers' Homes . . . . .	2
Trustees, Miscellaneous Schools . . . . .	22
Members, Boards of Registration . . . . .	23
Members, Reservation Commissions . . . . .	4
Members, Miscellaneous Boards and Commissions, etc. . . . .	135
Public Warehouse Licenses . . . . .	27
Commissioners to Qualify Public Officers . . . . .	4
Special State Police Officers . . . . .	84
Commissions issued to non-resident clergymen . . . . .	461
Commissioner of Deeds, resident in Foreign Country . . . . .	1
Commissioner of Deeds, resident in other States . . . . .	1
Member, Executive Council, Fifth District . . . . .	1
Member, Executive Council, Sixth District . . . . .	1
	<hr/> 5,779

Certificates to the number of 10,689 were issued, of which 3,516 were for certificates for which no fees are charged. Forty-one persons re-registered as required under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 7B; and eight persons paid penalty fees as required under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 13.

#### CORPORATION DIVISION

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending June 29, 1956, was 4,589. Said certificates of incorporation are classified as follows:

Business . . . . .	4,192
Religious, charitable, social, etc. . . . .	361
Fraternal beneficiary . . . . .	15
Church . . . . .	14
Credit union . . . . .	6
Insurance . . . . .	1

The number of certificates of every description filed was 48,346. Said certificates are classified as follows:

Articles of organization of the nine classes of corporations mentioned above . . . . .	4,589
Certificates of organization of cemetery corporations . . . . .	5
Business issues . . . . .	787
Business increases . . . . .	368
Business reductions . . . . .	110
Business amendments . . . . .	862
Non-business changes of name . . . . .	71
Religious, charitable, social etc. amendments . . . . .	21
Fraternal beneficiary amendments . . . . .	8
Gas and electric company increases . . . . .	6
Gas and electric company payment of capital . . . . .	1
Gas and electric company amendments . . . . .	2
Trust company increases . . . . .	5
Trust company amendments . . . . .	2
Insurance company increases . . . . .	3
Insurance company amendments . . . . .	5
Business consolidations . . . . .	33
Business mergers . . . . .	8



Conditions . . . . .	32,929
Social and athletic corporation reports . . . . .	3,746
Foreign increases . . . . .	20
Foreign reductions . . . . .	57
Foreign powers of attorney by person or partnership . . . . .	8
Trust receipt financing statements . . . . .	3,099
Liens . . . . .	76
Voluntary association trust reports . . . . .	1,058
Trade marks . . . . .	207
Assignments of trade marks . . . . .	24
Insignia . . . . .	1
Limited partnerships . . . . .	38
Gas and electric company approvals of issue, etc. . . . .	16
Railroad and street railway approvals of issue, etc. . . . .	4
Contracts of railroad and street railway companies . . . . .	2
Certificates of clerks of various courts relative to dissolution of corporations (covering 1,152 corporations) . . . . .	12
Petition for surrender of charter and dissolution . . . . .	1
Certificates of revival of corporations . . . . .	108
Certificates of consent to change of location of social and athletic corporations . . . . .	50
Special act creating corporation . . . . .	1
Certificate relative to adoption of Act . . . . .	3
Non-business charter declared void . . . . .	1
Non-business charters withheld . . . . .	6
Non-business applications for incorporation withdrawn . . . . .	8
Certified copies supplied . . . . .	6,971
Special certificates supplied . . . . .	967

EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS ISSUED BY  
HIS EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNOR, DURING  
THE FISCAL YEAR 1955-1956

During the year from July 1, 1955 to and through June 30, 1956 there were three (3) Executive Orders and no Administrative Orders issued by Governor Herter, the original copies of which are on file in the Archives.

The subject matter thereof is briefly summarized here for convenient reference.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS ISSUED DURING 1955-56

No.	DATE ISSUED	SUBJECT
29	Aug. 19, 1955	Authorization for the Director of the Division of Food and Drugs of the Department of Public Health to seize and distribute stocks of dry ice.
30	Aug. 23, 1955	Re-issuance without payments of fees of licenses, permits, and certificates of registration that were lost as a result of the floods of August 19, 1955, and thereafter.
31	Feb. 21, 1956	Evacuation of probable target areas in event of impending enemy attack and signals, regulations, and plans pertaining thereto.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS

There were no Administrative Orders issued during the fiscal year 1955-56.

PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, RESPITES, REQUISITIONS, ETC.

The number of pardons issued during the year was 60; of which 49 were full and complete; 2 conditional; 3 commutations; 1 remander; 3 respites; 2 conditional discharges from the Bridgewater State Hospital.

There were 95 requisitions issued: of which 79 were upon other States; 11 upon the Secretary of Defense of the United States of America; 1 upon the Secretary of the Air Force of the United States of America; 2 upon the Secretary of the Navy of the United States of America; 2 upon the Chief Justice of the District Court of the United States of America.

There were 16 warrants issued upon requisitions from other States.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND AGENTS' EXPENSES

1956 SESSION

Since the 1956 session of the General Court was not concluded on or prior to June 30, 1956, the reports of the expenses of legislative counsel and legislative agents required under chapter 3, General Laws, have not been filed at this office nor will they be filed until after the prorogation of the 1956 session. They will accordingly be incorporated in the annual report for the fiscal year 1956-1957.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND AGENTS' EXPENSES

1955 SESSION OF GENERAL COURT

In compliance with General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 3, Sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relating to the filing of legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation there were during or following the 1955 session of the General Court 298 entries made in the dockets, a decrease of 11 compared with 1954. Returns for the 1955 session were not received until after the close of the session and the close of the Fiscal Year 1954-1955.

Returns covering 295 entries were received from persons, associations or corporations employing legislative counsel or agents. Three employers who failed to file returns within the time prescribed by law have been reported to the Attorney General.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel or agents, \$330,787.02. Of this amount \$63,371.74 represents annual salaries or retainers of regular employees apportioned and \$40,790.00 unapportioned, and \$226,625.28 payments in connection with legislation only. Twelve employers stated that they paid nothing.

### PROCLAMATIONS

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. For the observance of each of the following, 10,500 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks:—Commodore John Barry Day, September 13, 1955; Constitution Day, September 17, 1955; Pulaski Day, October 11, 1955; United Nations Day, October 24, 1955; American Education Week, November 6–12, 1955; Veterans Day, November 11, 1955; Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1955; Disabled American Veterans' Hospital Day, December 4, 1955; Civil Rights Week, December 8–15, 1955; Army and Navy Union Day, December 10, 1955; New Orleans Day, January 8, 1956; Lincoln Day, February 12, 1956; Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1956; Washington Day, February 22, 1956; One Hundred and Eighty-sixth Anniversary of the Boston Massacre, March 5, 1956; Peter Francisco Day, March 15, 1956; Evacuation Day, March 17, 1956; Patriots' Day, April 19, 1956; Loyalty Day, May 1, 1956; Polish Constitution Day, May 3, 1956; Mothers' Day, May 13, 1956; La Fayette Day, May 20, 1956; Memorial Day, May 30, 1956; Flag Day, June 14, 1956; Fathers' Day, June 17, 1956 and Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1956. August 7, 1955 was designated as Purple Heart Day, August 12, 1955 was set apart as Indian Day and July 30, 1955 was proclaimed as Veteran Firemen's Muster Day and 6,500 copies of each proclamation were distributed to churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks. For the observance of Arbor and Bird Day, April 27, 1956, 10,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 9–15, 1955 and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices.

March 9, 1956 was set apart by His Excellency the Governor as Student Government Day, and 5,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were printed and distributed to the schools.

### EMERGENCY PROCLAMATIONS

A proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor on August 19, 1955 under the provisions of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950, and all acts in amendment thereof, proclaiming that a State of Emergency existed in the Commonwealth by reason of great harm and damage, resulting from the torrential rains, floods and wind in Worcester, Franklin, Berkshire, Hampshire and Hampden Counties, and authorizing the Civil Defense Agency and the director thereof to take all steps and do all such things as the Governor might personally do if present, by virtue of said Chapter 639 to combat such emergency and the effects thereof.

On August 25, 1955 a proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor under the provisions of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950, and all acts in amendment thereof, proclaiming that a State of Emergency existed in the Commonwealth, as it appeared that the harm and damage resulting from rains, floods and wind that existed in the counties of Worcester, Franklin, Berkshire, Hampshire and Hampden



had extended to other areas of the Commonwealth, and authorizing the Civil Defense Agency and the director thereof to take all steps and do all such things as the Governor might personally do if present, by virtue of said Chapter 639 to combat such emergency and the effects thereof.

A proclamation was issued by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor, Acting Governor, on October 21, 1955 under the provisions of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950, and all acts in amendment thereof, proclaiming that a State of Emergency existed in the Commonwealth by reason of great harm and damage, resulting from the torrential rains and floods during October in this Commonwealth.

On November 21, 1955 a proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor, stating that the Commissioner of Correction had notified him that the buildings at Walpole and Norfolk constructed for a State Prison would be ready for occupancy on and after November 28, 1955 and that such State Prison would be designated "Massachusetts Correctional Institution, Walpole" as provided by Section 11 of Chapter 770, Acts of 1955. One thousand copies of said proclamation were printed and distributed to the justices of the superior and supreme judicial courts, clerks of court, justices and associate justices and clerks of municipal and district courts and city and town clerks.

A proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor on May 8, 1956 proclaiming that the State of Emergency declared by him on August 19, 1955, the State of Emergency declared by him on August 25, 1955, and State of Emergency declared by him on October 21, 1955 and the State of Emergency declared by him in Executive Order No. 29, dated August 15, 1955, because of floods throughout the Commonwealth were terminated as of the date of said proclamation.

#### PROCLAMATIONS NOT REQUIRED BY STATUTE

One hundred and seven (107) proclamations were issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press and filed in the Archives, as follows:—Massachusetts Farm Safety Week, July 24–30, 1955; Vegetable Week, July 28–August 6, 1955; International Typographical Union Week, August 13–19, 1955; "Jimmy" Time, September 1–15, 1955; Union Label Week, September 5–11, 1955; Massachusetts Conference on Education, September 8, 9 and 10, 1955; National Home Week, September 10–18, 1955; Muscular Dystrophy Week, September 12–19, 1955; Citizenship Day, September 17, 1955; I am an American Day, September 18, 1955; Amalgamated Lithographers Week, September 18–25, 1955; National Business Women's Week, September 25–October 1, 1955; Cranberry Time, the month of October, 1955; Eye Research Month, the month of October, 1955; Massachusetts Heritage Month, the month of October, 1955; Restaurant Month, the month of October, 1955; National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, October 2–8, 1955; Photography Week, October 2–8, 1955; National Letter Writing Week, October 2–8, 1955; Massachusetts Fish Week, October 3–8, 1955; Emergencies Don't Wait Week, October 8–14, 1955; Oil Progress Week, October 9–15, 1955; Columbus Day, October 12, 1955; Credit Union Day, October 20, 1955; Massachusetts Apple Week, October 20–29, 1955; Religion in American Life Month, the month of November, 1955; Truck Transportation Week, November 21–27, 1955; South Boston Citizens' Association Day, November 23, 1955; Toys for Tots, the period of November 25–December 10, 1955; Safe Driving Day, December 1, 1955; Pearl Harbor Day, December 7, 1955; Year of the Informed Voter, the year of 1956; Diamond Jubilee of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, the year of 1956; Woodrow Wilson Centennial Year, the year of 1956; Red Cross 75th Anniversary Year, the year of 1956; March of Dimes Month, the month of January, 1956; Big Brother Week, January 8–15, 1956; Massachusetts "Blue Crutch" Days, January 13 and 14, 1956; Jaycee Week, January 14–21, 1956; Printing and Publishing Week, January 15–21, 1956; National Thrift Week, January 17–23, 1956; "Guards Up" Week, January 20–30, 1956; Ukrainian Independence Day, January 22, 1956; YMCA Week, January 22–29, 1956; Greek Letters Week, January 22–29, 1956; Junior Achievement Week, January 29–February 4, 1956; American Heart Month, the month of February, 1956; American History Month, the month of February,



1956; Freedom Month, the month of February, 1956; Vocational Guidance Day, February 3, 1956; National Children's Dental Health Week, February 5-11, 1956; Boy Scout Week, February 6-12, 1956; Multiple Sclerosis Month, February 10-March 10, 1956; National Beauty Salon Week, February 12-18, 1956; Negro History Week, February 12-19, 1956; Republic of Lithuania Day in Massachusetts, February 16, 1956; World Day of Prayer, February 17, 1956; Engineers' Week, February 19-25, 1956; National Advertising Week, February 19-25, 1956; Brotherhood Week, February 19-25, 1956; Blood Donor Day, February 22, 1956; National Guard Muster Day, February 22, 1956; Red Cross Month, March 1-31, 1956; Easter Seal Month for Crippled Children and Adults, March 1-April 1, 1956; Presidents' Day, March 5, 1956; ORT Day, March 6, 1956; Realtor Week, March 11-17, 1956; Girl Scout Week, March 11-17, 1956; Camp Fire Girls Birthday Week, March 11-18, 1956; National Opera Week, March 11-18, 1956; World Jewish Child's Day, March 18, 1956; National Wildlife Week in Massachusetts, March 18-24, 1956; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Commander-in-chief Week, March 18-24, 1956; Greek Independence Day, March 25, 1956; Cancer Control Month, the month of April, 1956; Boys' Club Week, April 2-8, 1956; Bataan Day, April 9, 1956; Israel Anniversary Week, April 13-20, 1956; Pan American Day, April 14, 1956 and Pan American Week, April 9-15, 1956; Equal Job Opportunity Week, April 15-21, 1956; Apprenticeship Week, April 22-28, 1956; Medical Education Week, April 22-28, 1956; Chemical Progress Week, April 23-28, 1956; Social Hygiene Day, April 25, 1956; Cerebral Palsy Month, the month of May, 1956; Mental Health Month, the month of May, 1956; Elks Youth Day, May 1, 1956; Humane Sunday, May 6, 1956 and Be Kind to Animals Week, May 6-12, 1956; National Hospital Week, May 6-12, 1956; Audubon Week, May 6-12, 1956; Senior Citizens Week, the week beginning May 6, 1956; Music Week, May 6-13, 1956; National Radio Week, May 13-19, 1956; Letters from America Week, May 14-20, 1956; Armed Forces Day, May 19, 1956; Women Veterans Day, May 20, 1956; Salvation Army Week, May 20-27, 1956; National Maritime Day, May 22, 1956; June Dairy Month, the month of June, 1956 and Boston Common Dairy Festival, June 2-9, 1956; United States Olympic Team Month, the month of June, 1956; UAW Twentieth Anniversary Week, June 2-6, 1956; Vermont Day, June 5, 1956; National Golf Day, June 9, 1956; Firemen's Memorial Sunday, June 10, 1956; Fraternal Week, June 10-16, 1956; Baltic States Freedom Day, June 15, 1956; Food and Drug Law Golden Anniversary Week, June 24-July 1, 1956.

#### PUBLIC DOCUMENT DIVISION

During the fiscal year 1956, the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division. *Reports*: 30,589 copies of the Public Document Series, representing twenty-seven reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions. *Laws*: 10,095 copies of the 1955 pamphlet edition of the Acts and Resolves; 5,076 copies of the General Laws Relating to Insurance, Chapters 174A, 175, 175A, 175B, 176, 176A, 176B and 176D, as amended to the close of 1954; 5,512 copies of the General Laws Relating to Primaries, Caucuses and Elections, 1955. *Veterans Proceedings*: 1,033 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-sixth Annual Convention, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1954; 760 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1954; 768 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1955; 589 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-third Annual Convention, Disabled American Veterans of the World War, Department of Massachusetts, 1954; 500 copies of the Proceedings of the Nineteenth Annual Convention, Italian-American World War Veterans of the United States, Inc., Department of Massachusetts, 1954; 629 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-fourth Annual Convention, The Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Department of Massachusetts, 1954; 615 copies of the Proceedings of the Twenty-fifth Annual Convention, The Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America, Department of Massachusetts, 1955; 604 copies of the Tenth Annual Convention, American Veterans of World War II, Department

of Massachusetts, 1954. *Journals and Manuals*: 600 copies each of the Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives, 1955, total 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Volume 29, 1753-54; 2,665 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Examinations for the Police Services, 1955-C Edition; 3,500 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Examinations for the Police Services, 1956 Edition; 2,677 copies of the Civil Service Fire Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance Examinations in the Fire Service in Cities and Towns, 1955-A Edition; 2,558 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Fire Service in Cities and Towns, 1955; 3,560 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Fire Service in Cities and Towns, 1956; 1,542 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for the Meter-Reading and Water Inspection Service in Cities and Towns, 1955. *Massachusetts Reports*: 475 copies of Volume 331, Massachusetts Reports; 475 copies of Volume 332, Massachusetts Reports. *Miscellaneous*: 5,035 copies of a Directory of Massachusetts Manufacturers, employing eight or more people, 1955; 4,567 copies of the Buyers' Guide of Massachusetts Manufacturers, 1956; 2,420 copies of Elevator and Escalator Regulations, ELV-2, 1955; making a grand total of 87,744 copies.

The sale of surplus volumes on hand of the Massachusetts Reports, Volumes Nos. 245 to 319, inclusive, as authorized by Chapter 57, Resolves of 1950, commenced on January 1, 1951. Of the approximate number of copies available for sale at that time, namely 90,000 copies, about 1,542 copies were sold during this fiscal year.

## PUBLIC RECORDS DIVISION

The Supervisor of Public Records again reports that many problems in the records field encountered by Record Custodians remain unanswered. This division is unable to spend the time required in the cities and towns because of a lack of personnel.

On the state level some progress has been made in creating interest in the subject matter of Chapter 104 of the Resolves of 1955. Several meetings with the leaders in the record keeping and record making field were held and a report is soon to be released for action by the legislature in the coming year.

### *Standard Record Ink*

In accordance with General Laws (Ter. Ed.), Chapter 66, Section 2, this department furnishes approved standard record ink for use on public records in the several departments and offices of the Commonwealth and of the counties, cities and towns, in which such records are kept. Ink supplied to the departments and offices of the Commonwealth is paid for by this department; ink supplied to the counties, cities and towns is paid for by the individual county, city or town. Offices in and near the State House may obtain ink at Room 252, State House. This will result in a saving on delivery charges and faster and more efficient distribution.

Violations of Section 4 of Chapter 66, which forbids the use on public records of other than approved standard record ink have been observed. This division has notified all offenders as to the provisions of said Section 4.

### *Repairing and Binding*

In keeping with the policy of doing some binding in the Department each year several volumes have been repaired and rebound in the Archives, Vital Statistics and Corporation Divisions. More volumes of the Massachusetts archives will be bound, subject to the amount appropriated.

Recommendations for repairing and binding of public records have been made to the proper persons.

### *Carbon Paper*

Copies of the list of the brand names of approved carbon papers, the use of which is authorized by Chapter 310 of the Acts of 1950, are available at this office.

### *Typewriter Ribbons*

Copies of the list of approved typewriter ribbons are available at this office wherein the approved typewriter ribbons are identified as having successfully passed the Fade-O-Meter test.

### *Stamp Pads and Stamp Pad Inks*

Copies of the up-to-date list of approved brands of stamp pads and stamp pad inks are available at this office.

Purchasing agents and other interested persons of the various State departments, cities and towns have been supplied with copies of the above mentioned lists.

### *Safes and Vaults*

This division has available for distribution on request specifications for the construction of fire-proof safes and vaults based on recommendations proposed by the National Fire Protection Association. All improvements to present installations must be completed according to the standards required for new construction.

In several instances new vaults have been recommended to replace antiquated safes.

Installations of new doors replacing older types have been observed.

## REFERENDA

There were no initiative or referendum petitions filed during the fiscal year 1955-1956 nor were any legislative proposed constitutional amendments advanced for submission to the people by the General Court.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS

By General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 30, Section 37, as amended by Chapter 556 of the Acts of 1951 and Chapter 30A, Section 2, inserted by Section 1 of Chapter 681 of the Acts of 1954, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, or to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law, additional rules and regulations were filed by the following departments and commissions during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956: Department of Banking and Insurance, Department of Civil Service and Registration, Department of Education, Department of Labor and Industries, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Safety, Department of Public Utilities, Department of Public Works, Division of Employment Security, Division of Fisheries and Game, The Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, Commission on Administration and Finance, Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission, Milk Control Commission and State Racing Commission. Changes as are indicated by the reports here listed as filed between July 1, 1955 and June 30, 1956. The full list on file to June 30, 1956 is as follows:



## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### DEPARTMENTS WHICH HAVE FILED RULES AND REGULATIONS IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1956

1. Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission
2. Appellate Tax Board
3. Commission on Administration and Finance
4. Department of Agriculture
  - Agricultural Experiment Station, Massachusetts State College
  - Division of Livestock Disease Control
  - Milk Regulation Board
5. Department of Banking and Insurance
  - Division of Loan Agencies
  - Division of Co-operative Banks
  - Division of Insurance
6. Department of Civil Service and Registration
  - Board of Registration of Barbers
  - Board of Registration in Chiropody (Podiatry)
  - Board of Dental Examiners
  - State Examiners of Electricians
  - Board of Registration in Embalming and Funeral Directing
  - Board of Registration in Hairdressers
  - Board of Registration in Medicine
  - Board of Registration in Optometry
  - Board of Registration in Pharmacy
  - Board of State Examiners of Plumbers
  - Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine
7. Department of Education
8. Department of Labor and Industries
  - Division of Minimum Wage
  - Minimum Wage Commission
  - Division of Standards and Necessaries of Life
9. Department of Natural Resources
  - Division of Fisheries and Game
10. Department of Public Health
11. Department of Public Safety
  - State Fire Marshal
  - Board of Boiler Rules
  - State Boxing Commission
  - Board of Elevator Regulations
12. Department of Public Utilities
13. Department of Public Welfare
14. Department of Public Works
  - Bureau of Public Works Airport Management
  - Registry of Motor Vehicles
15. Department of the Adjutant General
16. Division of Employment Security
  - Board of Review
17. Hurricane Relief Board
18. Licensing Board for the City of Boston
19. Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission
  - Massachusetts State Airport Management Board
20. Metropolitan District Commission



21. Milk Control Commission
22. Outdoor Advertising Authority
23. Sergeant-at-Arms
24. State Racing Commission

Chapter 30A of the General Laws inserted by Chapter 681 of the Acts of 1954 requires that all regulations issued by agencies of the Commonwealth be filed in the office of the state secretary and requires the secretary to report the failure of any agency to file such regulations to the governor and council and as part of his regular annual report to the general court. Under this statute the only agencies which have filed rules and regulations in compliance therewith are listed in the following paragraph. However, it is noted that rules and regulations have been filed by 24 several agencies under the provision of Sections 37 and 37A of Chapter 30 of the General Laws.

The following state departments, board and commissions filed rules and regulations under the provisions of Section 6 of Chapter 30A of the General Laws, inserted by Section 1 of Chapter 681 of the Acts of 1954:—

Commission against Discrimination,  
 Commissioner of Banks,  
 Contributory Retirement Appeal Board,  
 Department of Corporations and Taxation,  
   Income Tax Division,  
 Department of Labor and Industries,  
 Department of Natural Resources,  
 Department of Public Utilities,  
 Department of Public Welfare,  
 Division of Employment Security,  
 Division of Fisheries and Game and  
 State Employees Group Insurance Commission.

#### VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 46, Section 17, returns of births, marriages and deaths from 351 cities and towns and births and deaths from the State Infirmary at Tewksbury for the year 1955 were received and total 112,345 births and 37,079 marriages, an increase of 4,112 births and an increase of 1,766 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1954.

Under the provisions of the same statute 53,025 certified copies of deaths were received, an increase of 1,117, as compared with the records of 1954.

Medical Examiners' returns for 1955 cover 12,828, an increase of 267, as compared with returns for 1954.

Returns by Clerks of Courts and Registers of Probate of the decrees of divorce granted during 1955 number 5,786, a decrease of 41, as compared with the returns of 1954.

From July 1, 1955 to June 30, 1956, 10,859 certificates of births, 1,886 certificates of marriages and 2,762 certificates of deaths were issued, a total of 15,407 certified copies. Besides these 5,872 were certified abstracts given the Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims without fee.

In addition to the above, 3,972 records were verified for various government agencies.

The demand for records for military purposes, social security, aid and relief, school and other purposes still continues.

There were 48,635 requests for records during this period.

A total of \$8,969.50 was received by this Division during this fiscal period. Of this amount \$7,753.50 was for certified copies of births, marriages and death records; \$173.50 for certificating of exact copies of records and for exemplified statements; and \$1,042.50 was refunded to the remitters because excessive amounts were sent in or the requested service could not be rendered. 18,088 card abstracts of birth records for school, employment, enlistment, welfare and civil service purposes were issued without charge.

There were 6,941 references of records of marriages and deaths issued without fee for welfare, old age assistance, employment and insurance purposes.

There were 6,792 delayed records of birth and corrections of birth records, 412 corrections of marriages and 103 corrections of death records.

Returns of 3,333 names changed in 1955 as decreed by the courts were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, Chapter 210, Section 12.

Vital records are kept on a calendar year basis, not on the fiscal standard.

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE  
RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION  
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ALSO

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION  
OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY  
THE GENERAL COURT

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RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1955					
July 1	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the school committee of the city of Boston to increase the annual appropriation to defray certain traveling and other necessary expenses (1955, 236)	June 28, 1955	-1	-
July 1	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the effective date for increasing the amounts retained for the teachers' retirement fund in the city of Boston from the salaries of members (1955, 396)	June 28, 1955	-1	-
July 14	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the county of Suffolk to pay a pension to William J. Brickley (1955, 517)	July 12, 1955	-1	-
July 23	Town Clerk, Wilmington	An Act relative to the expenditure by the town of Wilmington for constructing an athletic field of any surplus proceeds of the bond issue for school purposes of said town (1955, 398)	June 29, 1955	-2	-
July 27	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to the removal of vehicles parked or standing in violation of law on public ways in the downtown area of the city of Boston (1955, 315)	July 26, 1955	-1	-
Aug. 9	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to sell a certain parcel of land to Congregation Adath Israel of Boston (1954, 228)	July 26, 1955	-1	-
Aug. 15	Town Clerk, Wellesley	An Act authorizing the town of Wellesley to reconvey land taken for park and playground purposes (1955, 181)	Aug. 2, 1955	-1	-
Aug. 23	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act providing for an investigation and study relative to the establishment of a market authority in the city of Springfield (1955, 303)	Mar. 29, 1955	-3	-
Aug. 24	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act authorizing off-street parking facilities in the city of Holyoke (1955, 663)	July 25, 1955	-4	-
Sept. 1	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for the acquisition by the commonwealth of a certain parcel of land on Neptune Road in the East Boston District (1955, 438)	Aug. 18, 1955	-5	-
Sept. 1	City Clerk, Boston	An Act increasing pensions payable under the permanent school pension fund in the city of Boston and equalizing pensions paid thereunder (1955, 594)	Aug. 31, 1955	-1	-
Sept. 13	City Clerk, Boston	An Act relative to sick leave for certain police officers of the city of Boston (1955, 437)	Aug. 31, 1955	-1	-
Sept. 13	Chairman, Hampshire County Commissioners	An Act to provide adequate elevator accommodations and facilities for the courthouse at Northampton (1955, 394)	Sept. 12, 1955	-1	-
Sept. 13	City Clerk, Gloucester	An Act designating the traffic circle in Gloucester on Route 128 as the Chester H. Grant Memorial Circle (1955, 608)	Sept. 2, 1955	-6	-
Sept. 16	Dep. Assistant Clerk, Essex County Commissioners	An Act providing for the installation of an elevator in the superior court building at Lawrence (1955, 287)	Aug. 4, 1955	-4	-
Sept. 19	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act relative to the retirement rights of George E. Mulr, a former employee of the city of Worcester (1955, 691)	Sept. 13, 1955	-7	-
Sept. 21	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act authorizing off-street parking facilities in the city of Pittsfield (1955, 694)	Sept. 13, 1955	-4	-
Oct. 10	City Clerk, Medford	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Sept. 15, 1955	-1	-
Oct. 26	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act establishing a department of engineering and board of engineering in the city of Northampton (1955, 650)	Oct. 4, 1955	-4	-
Oct. 31	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act authorizing the city of Worcester to grant to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a certain easement in Green Hill Park in said city (1955, 761)	Oct. 20, 1955	-4	-
Oct. 31	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Oct. 25, 1955	-4	-
Oct. 31	City Clerk, Revere	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Oct. 10, 1955	-5	-
			Oct. 24, 1955	-4	-



Nov. 2	City Clerk, Brockton	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Oct. 28, 1955	- <sup>1</sup>	-
Nov. 2	Town Clerk, Westwood	An Act authorizing the town of Westwood to construct and operate a system of sewers and drains (1955, 380)	June 27, 1955	- <sup>1</sup>	-
Nov. 4	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act to authorize establishment of off-street parking facilities in the city of Springfield (1955, 486)	Oct. 31, 1955	- <sup>1</sup>	-
Nov. 16	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act relative to the retirement for accidental disability of John F. Stack, a former employee of the city of Springfield (1955, 576)	Nov. 14, 1955	- <sup>1</sup>	-
Nov. 17	Clerk, Plymouth County Commissioners	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Nov. 16, 1955	- <sup>9</sup>	-
Dec. 1	Assistant Clerk, County Commissioners, Bristol County	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Nov. 29, 1955	- <sup>10</sup>	-
Dec. 1	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Nov. 28, 1955	- <sup>1</sup>	-
Dec. 6	City Clerk, Brockton	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Dec. 1, 1955	- <sup>1</sup>	-
Dec. 8	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act authorizing the school committee of the city of Northampton to fix the compensation of the superintendent of schools and the secretary of the school committee (1954, 86)	Nov. 8, 1955	4,350	3,445
Dec. 8	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act providing for a unicameral city council in the city of Northampton (1954, 123)	Nov. 8, 1955	6,135	1,896
Dec. 8	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Dec. 6, 1955	- <sup>5</sup>	-
Dec. 13	County Commissioners, Franklin County	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Dec. 7, 1955	- <sup>11</sup>	-
Dec. 13	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act relative to establishing a memorial to Calvin Coolidge in the Forbes library in the city of Northampton (1954, 547)	Dec. 2, 1955	- <sup>8</sup>	-
Dec. 15	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to use certain park land for school purposes (1955, 49)	Dec. 12, 1955	- <sup>1</sup>	-
Dec. 15	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to sell for housing purposes certain land acquired for water supply purposes (1955, 302)	Dec. 12, 1955	- <sup>1</sup>	-
Dec. 19	City Clerk, Boston	An Act transferring to the metropolitan district commission the care, control and maintenance of certain portions of Columbia Road in the city of Boston (1955, 570)	Dec. 16, 1955	- <sup>1</sup>	-
Dec. 19	Election Commissioners, Lowell	An Act providing for the nomination of members of the city council and the school committee of Plan E cities by preliminary elections, and providing for their election by ordinary plurality voting (1953, 118)	Nov. 8, 1955	21,498	13,989
Dec. 28	City Clerk, Chicopee	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Nov. 29, 1955	- <sup>8</sup>	-
Dec. 28	Assistant Clerk, County Commissioners, Middlesex County	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Dec. 20, 1955	- <sup>12</sup>	-
Dec. 30	City Clerk, Boston	An Act concerning certain contracts entered into on behalf of the city of Boston and the county of Suffolk (1955, 60)	Dec. 30, 1955	- <sup>1</sup>	-
1956					
Jan. 3	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Dec. 28, 1955	- <sup>1</sup>	-
Jan. 5	Chairman, County Commissioners, Hampshire County	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Jan. 3, 1956	- <sup>6</sup>	-
Jan. 9	City Clerk, Malden	An Act abolishing the board of aldermen and the common council and establishing a city council in the city of Malden (1955, 550)	Nov. 8, 1955	10,700	6,780

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT—Continued

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1956					
Jan. 9	City Clerk, Malden	An Act relative to the tenure of office of city and town clerks (1950, 388)	Nov. 8, 1955	12,472	4,801
Jan. 10	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act providing for the construction, operation, maintenance and repair of a golf course in the town of Longmeadow, the creation of the Springfield Recreation Authority, and providing for the financing of said project (1955, 722)	Jan. 3, 1956	-	-
Jan. 13	Town Clerk, Arlington	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Jan. 9, 1956	-	-
Jan. 16	Town Clerk, Shrewsbury	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Jan. 9, 1956	-	-
Jan. 27	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Jan. 24, 1956	-	-
Jan. 30	City Clerk, Waltham	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Jan. 10, 1956	-	-
Feb. 10	Town Clerk, Fairhaven	An Act relative to representative town government by limited town meetings in the town of Fairhaven (1955, 589)	Feb. 6, 1956	2,202	1,135
Feb. 10	Town Clerk, Fairhaven	An Act providing for contributory group life, accident, hospitalization, medical and surgical insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Feb. 6, 1956	2,215	1,248
Feb. 10	Town Clerk, Fairhaven	An Act relative to referendum procedure in the town of Fairhaven (1955, 562)	Aug. 11, 1955	133	82
Feb. 13	Town Clerk, Athol	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Feb. 6, 1956	1,403	1,167
Feb. 13	Town Clerk, Athol	An Act establishing in the town of Athol representative government by limited town meetings (1954, 382)	Feb. 6, 1956	1,715	992
Feb. 14	Town Clerk, Norwood	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Jan. 16, 1956	2,706	1,081
Feb. 14	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act authorizing the city of New Bedford to acquire certain real estate in said city for an off-street parking area (1956, 43)	Feb. 13, 1956	-	-
Feb. 17	Assistant Clerk, County Commissioners, Norfolk County	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Feb. 14, 1956	-	-
Feb. 17	City Clerk, North Adams	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Feb. 14, 1956	-	-
Mar. 6	Town Clerk, Fairhaven	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Feb. 13, 1956	-	-
Mar. 6	Town Clerk, Concord	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Feb. 27, 1956	2,002	478
Mar. 9	Town Clerk, Winthrop	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Mar. 5, 1956	2,895	1,823
Mar. 9	Town Clerk, Winthrop	An Act providing for an increase in the number of members in the reserve police force in the town of Winthrop (1956, 5)	Mar. 5, 1956	3,411	1,390
Mar. 12	Town Clerk, Great Barrington	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Feb. 27, 1956	890	313
Mar. 12	Town Clerk, Arlington	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Mar. 5, 1956	5,490	3,869

Mar. 12	Town Clerk, Westwood	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Mar.	5, 1956	1,661	886
Mar. 14	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act authorizing the transfer of a certain parcel of Brooklawn Park in the city of New Bedford from the board of park commissioners to the board of trustees of the free public library of said city (1956, 30)	Mar.	13, 1956	-	-
Mar. 14	Town Clerk, Kingston	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Mar.	10, 1956	744	333
Mar. 19	Town Clerk, Westwood	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	12, 1956	-	-
Mar. 19	Town Clerk, Berlin	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	12, 1956	-	-
Mar. 21	Town Clerk, Athol	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	5, 1956	-	-
Mar. 21	Town Clerk, Milton	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	10, 1956	-	-
Mar. 22	Town Clerk, Maynard	An Act relative to the apportionment of costs of the sewer system in the town of Maynard (1956, 136)	Mar.	13, 1956	-	-
Mar. 22	Town Clerk, Chatham	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Mar.	8, 1956	576	225
Mar. 22	City Clerk, Melrose	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	21, 1956	-	-
Mar. 23	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act authorizing the city of Northampton to reinstate Ossian E. Brainerd for the sole purpose of being retired and relative to the amount of retirement allowance for said Ossian E. Brainerd (1956, 188)	Mar.	15, 1956	-	-
Mar. 27	Town Clerk, Rockland	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	5, 1956	-	-
Mar. 27	Town Clerk, Rockland	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Mar.	5, 1956	924	545
Mar. 27	Town Clerk, West Springfield	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	17, 1956	-	-
Mar. 28	Town Clerk, North Andover	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Mar.	5, 1956	2,123	895
Mar. 30	Town Clerk, North Adams	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	27, 1956	-	-
Mar. 30	Town Clerk, Lincoln	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Mar.	28, 1956	335	31
Mar. 30	City Clerk, Quincy	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Mar.	26, 1956	-	-
Apr. 2	Town Clerk, Canton	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	12, 1956	-	-
Apr. 3	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	22, 1956	-	-
Apr. 5	Town Clerk, Kingston	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	3, 1956	-	-
Apr. 5	Town Clerk, Weymouth	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	9, 1956	744	333
Apr. 9	Town Clerk, Hamilton	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar.	5, 1956	-	-
Apr. 11	Town Clerk, Hull	An Act relative to the tenure of office of the present chairman of the board of assessors in the town of Hull (1952, 42)	Mar.	5, 1956	-	-



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WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	Vote	
				YEs	No
Apr. 11	Town Clerk, Hull	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Mar. 5, 1956	1,405	712
Apr. 12	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act relative to annual payments to the city of Holyoke by its board of water commissioners (1956, 199)	Apr. 5, 1956	—	—
Apr. 13	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act authorizing pay-roll deductions on account of union dues in the case of certain state, county or municipal employees (1954, 678)	Apr. 9, 1956	—	—
Apr. 20	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act placing the offices of veterans' agent and director of veterans' services in the city of Cambridge under the civil service laws (1956, 110)	Apr. 16, 1956	—	—
Apr. 17	Town Clerk, Weymouth	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar. 9, 1956	—	—
May 2	City Clerk, Westfield	An Act authorizing compensation for overtime service by fire fighters of cities and towns (1955, 195)	Apr. 27, 1956	—	—
May 2	Town Clerk, Norwood	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Apr. 12, 1956	—	—
May 7	Town Clerk, Winchester	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar. 22, 1956	—	—
May 7	Town Clerk, Brookline	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar. 20, 1956	—	—
May 8	Clerk, First Congregational Society in Salem	An Act authorizing the merger and union of the Second Church in Salem with the First Congregational Society in Salem (1956, 219)	Apr. 30, 1956	—	—
May 8	Clerk, Second Church in Salem	An Act authorizing the merger and union of the Second Church in Salem with the First Congregational Society in Salem (1956, 219)	May 7, 1956	—	—
May 14	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	Mar. 27, 1956	—	—
May 14	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act relative to the replacement of a board of health of a city by a health department (1946, 268)	May 10, 1956	—	—
May 16	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act authorizing the city of Somerville to resurface certain private ways therein (1956, 253)	May 2, 1956	—	—
May 28	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act authorizing the city of Chelsea to fund certain indebtedness (1956, 166)	May 7, 1956	—	—
May 28	Town Clerk, Billerica	An Act establishing in the town of Billerica representative town government by limited town meetings (1955, 6)	Mar. 5, 1955	1,950	1,378
June 1	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay an annuity to the parents of Thomas Slattery (1956, 358)	May 29, 1956	—	—
June 8	City Clerk, Revere	An Act placing the incumbent of the office of assistant city planner of the city of Revere under the civil service laws (1956, 347)	June 4, 1956	—	—
June 8	City Clerk, Gloucester	An Act establishing a licensing commission in the city of Gloucester (1956, 343)	May 31, 1956	—	—
June 11	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	June 6, 1956	—	—
June 11	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act providing for contributory group life, accident, hospitalization, medical and surgical insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	June 6, 1956	—	—
June 12	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pension Edward P. Connolly (1956, 396)	June 8, 1956	—	—
June 20	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1955, 670)	June 7, 1956	—	—



June 20	City Clerk, Northampton	An Act relative to creditable service in the retirement of certain police officers and firemen in certain cities and towns (1934, 268)	May	3, 1956	— <sup>3</sup>
June 25	Secretary, Universalist Youth Fellowship	An Act enabling American Unitarian Youth and Universalist Youth Fellowship to complete their consolidation (1953, 87)	June	22, 1955	— <sup>14</sup>
June 25	Secretary, American Unitarian Youth	An Act enabling American Unitarian Youth and Universalist Youth Fellowship to complete their consolidation (1955, 87)	June	22, 1955	— <sup>15</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Accepted by the mayor and city council.  
<sup>2</sup>Accepted, affirmative and negative votes not returned.  
<sup>3</sup>Adopted by unanimous vote.  
<sup>4</sup>Accepted by city council.  
<sup>5</sup>Accepted by the mayor and board of aldermen.  
<sup>6</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampshire County.  
<sup>7</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.  
<sup>8</sup>Accepted by the board of aldermen.  
<sup>9</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Plymouth County.  
<sup>10</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Bristol County.  
<sup>11</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Franklin County.  
<sup>12</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.  
<sup>13</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Norfolk County.  
<sup>14</sup>Accepted by the Universalist Youth Fellowship.  
<sup>15</sup>Accepted by the American Unitarian Youth.

# RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL LAWS

WHEN RECEIVED	CITY OR TOWN	SUBJECT AND REFERENCE	ACTION	DATE OF ACTION
1955				
July 1	Holyoke .	Repair by cities and towns of private ways, 1953, 386, s. 1 (G. L. 40, s. 6F)	Accepted .	June 13, 1955
Aug. 22	Chicopee .	Assessments for cost of laying water pipes in public or private ways, 1955, 332 (G. L. 40, ss. 42G-42I)	Accepted .	Aug. 15, 1955
Sept. 7	Gloucester	Assessments for cost of laying water pipes in public or private ways, 1955, 332 (G. L. 40, ss. 42G-42I)	Accepted .	Sept. 1, 1955
Oct. 19	Westfield	Vacations for certain municipal employees, G. L. 41, s. 111G	Accepted .	Oct. 6, 1955
Nov. 8	Fall River	Overtime service by police officers of certain cities and towns, 1954, 573 (G. L. 41, s. 111H)	Accepted .	Oct. 28, 1955
Nov. 10	Framingham	Workmen's compensation for laborers, workmen and mechanics, G. L. 152, s. 69, as amended	Accepted .	Nov. 2, 1955
Nov. 10	Framingham	No loss of pay or vacation for certain state and municipal employees in militia, 1954, 590 (G. L. 33, s. 59)	Accepted .	Nov. 21, 1955
Nov. 25	Cambridge	Five day week for police in certain cities and towns, 1951, 346, s. 1 (G. L. 147, s. 16C)	Accepted .	Nov. 21, 1955
Dec. 6	Brockton	Pertaining to building line and height of buildings on parkways, G. L. 45, s. 11	Accepted .	Dec. 1, 1955
Dec. 6	Quincy .	Plan A form of government, G. L. 43, ss. 46-55	Accepted .	Nov. 8, 1955
Dec. 8	Everett .	Compensatory time off to certain police officers in attendance in certain criminal cases, G. L. 262, s. 53C	Accepted .	Nov. 28, 1955
Dec. 8	Northampton	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, 1945, 413, s. 1 (G. L. 48, s. 58B)	Accepted .	Nov. 8, 1955
Dec. 19	Brockton	Plan D form of government (G. L. 43, ss. 79-92)	Accepted .	Nov. 8, 1955
Dec. 23	Chicopee	Vacations for certain municipal employees, 1952, 488 (G. L. 41, s. 111G)	Accepted .	Nov. 29, 1955
1956				
Jan. 3	Quincy .	Creditable service in the retirement of certain police officers and firemen in certain cities and towns, 1954, 268 (G. L. 32, s. 85I)	Accepted .	Dec. 19, 1955
Jan. 3	Pittsfield	Insurance against extraordinary workmen's compensation losses in cities and towns, 1955, 291 (G. L. 40, s. 5 (I) )	Accepted .	Dec. 28, 1955
Feb. 16	East Longmeadow	Establishment of department of public works in towns, authorized 1953, 101 (G. L. 41, ss. 69C-69F)	Accepted .	Feb. 14, 1956
Feb. 23	Brockton	Establishment of commissions to promote business and industry, 1955, 102 (G. L. 40, s. 8A)	Accepted .	Feb. 21, 1956
Feb. 23	New Bedford	Hours of employment of city and town employees further regulated, 1948, 637 (G. L. 149, s. 33A)	Accepted .	Jan. 13, 1956
Mar. 7	Wilmington	Members of the fire department placed within the classified civil service, 1945, 701, s. 6 (G. L. 31, s. 48)	Accepted .	Mar. 3, 1956
Mar. 7	Wilmington	Vacations for police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 384 (G. L. 41, s. 111D)	Accepted .	Mar. 3, 1956
Mar. 7	Wellesley	Relating to the labor service of the town under civil service, G. L. 31, s. 47	Rejected .	Mar. 5, 1956
Mar. 9	Westfield	Establishment of commissions to promote business and industry in cities and towns, G. L. 40, s. 8A, as amended	Accepted .	Mar. 6, 1956
Mar. 9	Winthrop	Tenure of office for city and town clerks, 1950, 388 (G. L. 41, s. 19B)	Rejected .	Mar. 5, 1956
Mar. 14	Ware .	Special assessments for laying water pipes in public and private ways, 1955, 332 (G. L. 40, ss. 42G-42I)	Accepted .	Mar. 12, 1956
Mar. 14	Kingston	Civil service for chief of police, G. L. 31, s. 48	Accepted .	Mar. 10, 1956
Mar. 15	Cambridge	Compensatory time off to certain police officers in attendance in certain criminal cases, 1955, 223 (G. L. 262, s. 53C)	Accepted .	Mar. 12, 1956
Mar. 16	Marshfield	Construction and maintenance of sewers and drains, G. L. 83, as amended	Accepted .	Mar. 6, 1956
Mar. 16	Merrimac	Relative to the licensed operation on the Lord's Day of bowling alleys, 1946, 207, s. 3 (G. L. 136, s. 4B)	Accepted .	Mar. 6, 1956
Mar. 16	Seckonk Water District	Contributory retirement system for cities and towns, G. L. 32, ss. 1-28, as amended	Accepted .	Mar. 12, 1956
Mar. 26	Milton .	Special assessments for laying water pipes in public and private ways, 1955, 332 (G. L. 40, ss. 42G-42I)	Accepted .	Mar. 10, 1956
Mar. 26	Milton .	Police officers of certain cities and towns to be given an additional day off duty or an additional day's pay when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A)	Accepted .	Mar. 12, 1956
Mar. 26	Milton .	Fire fighters of certain cities and towns to be given an additional day off duty or an additional day's pay when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted .	Mar. 10, 1956
Mar. 27	West Springfield	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, ss. 1-3	Accepted .	Mar. 17, 1956
Mar. 27	West Springfield	Uniforms for police and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B	Accepted .	Mar. 17, 1956

Mar. 27	West Springfield	Establishment of building lines, G. L. 82, s. 37	Accepted	Mar. 17, 1956
Mar. 27	Deerfield	Building limits in towns, G. L. 143, s. 4	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1956
Mar. 27	Rockland	Uniforms for police and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1956
Mar. 27	Rockland	Establishment of commissions to promote business and industry in cities and towns, G. L. 40, s. 8A, as amended	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1956
Mar. 29	Framingham	Subdivision Control Law, 1953, 674 (G. L. 41, ss. 81A-81GG)	Accepted	Mar. 21, 1956
Mar. 29	Kingston	Creating a town forest, G. L. 45, ss. 19-23	Accepted	Mar. 3, 1956
Mar. 29	Framingham	Establishment of commissions to promote business and industry in cities and towns, G. L. 40, s. 8A, as amended	Accepted	Mar. 5, 1956
Apr. 2	Canton	Inspection of buildings, G. L. 143, s. 3	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1956
Apr. 2	Canton	Appointment of inspector of wires, G. L. 166, s. 32	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1956
Apr. 2	Framingham	Creditable service in retirement of certain police officers and firemen, 1954, 268 (G. L. 32, s. 851)	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1956
Apr. 5	Kingston	Establishment of commissions to promote business and industry in cities and towns, G. L. 40, s. 8A, as amended	Accepted	Mar. 14, 1956
Apr. 5	Weymouth	Indemnification of employees of certain cities and towns for damages sustained through the operation of certain municipally owned vehicles, 1949, 128 (G. L. 41, s. 100A)	Accepted	Mar. 3, 1956
Apr. 5	Ware	Uniforms for police and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B	Accepted	Mar. 9, 1956
Apr. 6	Marblehead	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for police officers of certain cities and towns, when required to work on legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A)	Accepted	Apr. 2, 1956
Apr. 9	Chelsea	Licensed operation on the Lord's day of bowling alleys, 1946, 207, s. 3 (G. L. 136, s. 4B)	Accepted	Mar. 12, 1956
Apr. 11	Marblehead	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for fire fighters of certain cities and towns, when required to work on legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Apr. 2, 1956
Apr. 11	Marblehead	One day off in eight for police, G. L. 147, s. 16	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1956
Apr. 16	Shrewsbury	Special assessments for laying water pipes in public and private ways, 1955, 332 (G. L. 40, ss. 42G-42I)	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1956
Apr. 16	Wellesley	No loss of pay or vacation to certain state and municipal employees in militia, organized reserve of the army of the United States or of the United States naval reserve forces, 1939, 425 (G. L. 33, s. 54)	Accepted	Apr. 2, 1956
Apr. 16	Wellesley	Establishment of police departments in certain towns, G. L. 41, s. 97	Accepted	Apr. 3, 1956
Apr. 17	Wellesley	Special assessments for laying water pipes in public and private ways, 1955, 332 (G. L. 40, ss. 42G-42I)	Accepted	Apr. 3, 1956
May 2	Norwood	Special assessments for laying water pipes in public and private ways, 1955, 332 (G. L. 40, ss. 42G-42I)	Accepted	Apr. 26, 1956
May 2	Norwood	Indemnification by cities and towns of certain retired police officers and fire fighters for certain hospital, medical and surgical expenses, 1953, 628, s. 1 (G. L. 41, s. 100B)	Accepted	Apr. 12, 1956
May 7	Brookline	Special assessments for laying water pipes in public and private ways, 1955, 332 (G. L. 40, ss. 42G-42I)	Accepted	Apr. 12, 1956
May 7	Brookline	Indemnification of employees of certain cities and towns for damages sustained through the operation of certain municipally owned vehicles, 1949, 128 (G. L. 41, s. 100A)	Accepted	Mar. 20, 1956
May 7	Brookline	Pay-roll deductions on account of union dues in the case of certain state, county or municipal employees, 1950, 740 (G. L. 180, s. 17A)	Accepted	Mar. 20, 1956
May 29	Lynn	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, ss. 1-3	Accepted	Mar. 20, 1956
May 31	Somerville	Respected filing of petitions for reconsideration of matters relative to variances presented to the Board of Appeals pertaining to zoning, 1954, 368, s. 2 (G. L. 40A, s. 20)	Accepted	Apr. 24, 1956
June 19	Gloucester	Increase in allowances of former municipal employees retired on account of accidental disability, 1943, 452, s. 1 (G. L. 32, s. 90A)	Accepted	June 5, 1956
June 19	Stoneham	Special assessments for laying water pipes in public and private ways, 1955, 332 (G. L. 40, ss. 42G-42I)	Accepted	June 14, 1956
			Accepted	Apr. 2, 1956





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**ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE

**Secretary of the Commonwealth**

OF

**MASSACHUSETTS**

FOR THE

**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1959**



**JOSEPH D. WARD**

**Secretary of the Commonwealth**



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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, July 2, 1959

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:—*

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, Chapter 9, Section 17, as amended, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959. This report also includes the returns from cities and towns relative to action taken under certain provisions of the General Laws, and returns relative to the acceptance or rejection of certain Special Acts passed by the General Court, which returns were received during the fiscal year 1958-1959.

This report covers the administration of the late Edward J. Cronin from July 1, 1958 to November 24, 1958, the date of his decease and the *ad interim* administration of J. Henri Goguen, appointed by the Governor to serve from December 1, 1958, until January 21, 1959, when Joseph D. Ward was elected by the General Court.

Very truly yours,

JOSEPH D. WARD,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*



# REPORT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES IN DEPARTMENT OF

## THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1959

### ACCOUNTS

#### FINANCES OF DEPARTMENT

The subjoined financial statements set forth the receipts and disbursements of the Department of the State Secretary for the fiscal year 1958-1959.

It is worthy of note that the receipts of this office approximate two million dollars and exceed the disbursements by \$809,614.47.

It is firmly established that the office of the secretary of the commonwealth is more than self-supporting, and is one of the few departments which bring the commonwealth substantial revenue.

The following table shows in detail, receipts from fees, etc., for the Fiscal Year ending July 1, 1959, all of which were paid into the Treasury daily; and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Governor's Council as required by General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 9, Section 1.

Certificates . . . . .	\$ 3,899.50
Commissions . . . . .	33,726.95
Copies: . . . . .	35,224.70
Archives	
Corporations	
Corporations . . . . .	1,624,648.92
Labels and Trademarks . . . . .	7,737.00
Liens . . . . .	100.00
Limited Partnerships . . . . .	615.00
Trust Deposits . . . . .	6,920.00
Vital Statistics . . . . .	8,516.75
Record-Military . . . . .	5.00
Declarations of Trust . . . . .	9,740.00
Uniform Commercial Code . . . . .	107,440.00
Service of Process . . . . .	15.00
Fines and Penalties . . . . .	108.00
Sales Advance Sheets . . . . .	3,917.75
Sales Books . . . . .	20,037.05
Sales Term Reports . . . . .	11,535.20
Misc. Royalties on Sales of Bird Books . . . . .	210.38
Misc. Book Binding . . . . .	27.65
Misc. Witness Fees . . . . .	49.80
Misc. Other . . . . .	.99
	<u>\$1,874,475.64</u>

Financial Statement Verified

Date: August 14, 1959

Approved for Publishing, THOMAS J. SULLIVAN, *Acting Comptroller*.

## EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR 1959

0501-01 Secretary's Salary . . . . .	\$ 10,816.59
0501-02 Administration . . . . .	430,553.32
0502-01 Archives and Photostatic Copies . . . . .	6,961.32
0502-02 Journals of the House . . . . .	2,250.00
0503-01 Printing Acts and Resolves . . . . .	39,201.47
0503-02 Decisions of the Supreme Court . . . . .	31,615.70
0504-01 Primaries and Other Elections . . . . .	420,953.10
0504-04 List of Candidates . . . . .	15,514.09
0504-07 Information to Voters . . . . .	107,319.06
0505-01 Medical Examiners Fees . . . . .	1,500.00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$1,066,684.65</u>

Excess of Receipts over Expenditures \$809,614.47

## OFFICE CONDITIONS

This department is perhaps the most widely scattered of those which are housed in the State House. Divisions are located in the basement and on the first, second and fourth floors while the main office is quartered on the third floor.

Much of our equipment is outworn or obsolete due in large measure to our willingness to get along with what we have and our hesitancy to ask the General Court for funds to purchase more modern and efficient furnishings and fixtures. With additional duties and increased revenue improvement must be asked in our equipment.

During the fiscal year several of our divisions have had new flooring and decoration, modern lighting fixtures installed and partitions placed in the main office and in the public documents and corporations divisions which make for better service and safeguard essential records.

Some lengthy and cumbersome forms used for a half century have been revised and condensed thus saving a tremendous amount of non-essential typing and copying. This is especially true in the issuance of certificates and corporate charters. With no additional personnel and greatly augmented filings the corporation division could not have kept current unless this action was taken.

The new archives building will become a reality during the next fiscal year. It will afford opportunity to display our matchless collection of early American records and provide proper facilities for their storage and protection.

In my November 4, 1959 recommendations to the General Court there will be presented for consideration several proposed changes in the laws relative to vital statistics, corporate charters and miscellaneous matters.

Much duplication exists in the filing of vital public records in municipal offices, county offices and this office, involving a considerable amount of clerical effort which could well be directed into other channels. A study is being made with a view to so organizing the records as to eliminate or greatly reduce duplication.

## LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The following chapters of the acts of 1959, making changes in the General Laws, as they concern elections and governmental activities are noted for your information.

*Chapter 43.* Relative to the form of question to be used by cities and towns in placing provisions of the general law on the ballot.

*Chapter 64.* To permit the holding of a town meeting in one or more places connected by a public address system and loud speakers.

*Chapter 70.* Providing that certain duties of election officers relative to absent voting ballots shall be performed forthwith.



- Chapter 74.* Authorizing a voter to establish, change or cancel his party enrolment by forwarding to the registrars of voters a notarized certificate requesting the same.
- Chapter 98.* Authorizing the selectmen of a town to make an investigation of any town department.
- Chapter 127.* Providing for bi-partisan boards of registrars of voters in all cities and towns in the commonwealth.
- Chapter 133.* Providing for a bi-partisan count of ballots at state elections in towns not divided into voting precincts.
- Chapter 137.* Providing that street lists shall designate persons who are registered voters.
- Chapter 155.* Providing for a complete count of all ballots, used or unused, in elections and recounts.
- Chapter 178.* Relative to the persons who may certify that a voter by reason of physical disability is unable to cast his vote in person. (Physician, Hospital Superintendent, Attending Registered Nurse, Ordained Minister, Priest, Rabbi, or Christian Science Practitioner.)
- Chapter 268.* Providing that no petition proposing the same plan of city charter which has been rejected shall be filed within four years thereafter.
- Chapter 298.* Placing the office of attorney general before the offices of treasurer and auditor on ballots and voting machine labels used at state primaries and elections.
- Chapter 332.* Providing for registration sessions in certain factories and mills.
- Chapter 448.* Establishing an additional optional standard form of city charter under which the city government is vested in a mayor and a city council elected partly at large and partly by wards, said mayor and city councillors being nominated in party primaries. (Plan F.)
- Chapter 553.* Abolishing the election of members at large of the state committee of a political party at the convention thereof.

#### LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

As provided in General Laws, Chapter 31, Sections 32 and 33, each department head must file such recommendations as embrace legislative proposals through this office for transmission to the General Court on or before the first Wednesday of November of each calendar year. This department likewise must file such recommendations as require legislation on the same day. In compliance therewith, I shall file such recommendations and reasons in support thereof with the clerk of the House of Representatives on November 4, 1959.

#### ANNUAL REPORTS

On or before the first Wednesday of December in each fiscal year every state officer, department, board or commission, which is required by law to file an annual report must deposit such report with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The only exceptions are in the few cases where some other date is specifically provided by law for the filing of a report.

During 1958, pursuant to this requirement, the following officers, departments, boards and commissions filed annual reports on or before the first Wednesday of December, 1958:

Directory of Labor Organizations (Department of Labor and Industries), 1958  
 Executive Secretary, Supreme Judicial Court, 1958  
 Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section A  
 Co-operative Banks and Savings and Loan Associations, 1958  
 Department of the Auditor, 1958  
 Labor Relations Commission (Department of Labor and Industries), 1958  
 Department of Natural Resources, 1958  
 Division of Standards (Department of Labor and Industries), 1958

Department of Public Health, 1958  
 Department of Public Safety, 1958

Subsequent to the legal filing date, the following reports were received:—

Minimum Wage Division (Department of Labor and Industries), 1956  
 Board of Registration in Medicine, 1956  
 Board of Registration in Medicine, 1957  
 Bureau of Loan Agencies (Division of Banks and Loan Agencies), 1957  
 Commissioner of Veterans' Services, 1957  
 Department of Correction, 1956  
 Commission on Atomic Energy, 1957  
 Labor Relations Commission (Department of Labor and Industries), 1957  
 Board of Registration of Certified Public Accountants, 1956  
 Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section B, Credit Unions, 1958  
 Appellate Tax Board, 1958  
 Board of Registration of Certified Public Accountants, 1955  
 State Airport Management Board, 1958  
 Board of Conciliation and Arbitration (Department of Labor and Industries), 1957  
 Division of Industrial Safety (Department of Labor and Industries), 1958  
 Trustees, Cushing State Hospital, 1958  
 Trustees, Wrentham State School, 1958  
 Trustees, Walter E. Fernald State School, 1958  
 Trustees, Myles Standish State School, 1958  
 Trustees, Belchertown State School, 1958  
 Trustees, Monson State Hospital, 1958  
 Trustees, Taunton State Hospital, 1958  
 Trustees, Northampton State Hospital, 1958  
 Trustees, Metropolitan State Hospital, 1958  
 Trustees, Medfield State Hospital, 1958  
 Trustees, Grafton State Hospital, 1958  
 Trustees, Foxborough State Hospital, 1957  
 Trustees, Danvers State Hospital, 1957  
 Trustees, Danvers State Hospital, 1958  
 Trustees, Boston State Hospital, 1958  
 Board of Registration in Optometry, 1958  
 State Examiners of Electricians, 1958  
 Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine, 1958  
 State Reclamation Board (Department of Agriculture), 1958  
 Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, 1958  
 Division of Industrial Accidents, 1956  
 Board of Registration of Architects, 1953  
 Board of Registration of Architects, 1954  
 Board of Registration of Architects, 1955  
 Board of Registration of Architects, 1956  
 Board of Registration of Architects, 1957  
 Board of Registration in Chiropody (Podiatry), 1958  
 Trustees, Westborough State Hospital, 1958  
 Division of Registration, 1958  
 Board of Dental Examiners, 1958  
 Board of Registration of Certified Public Accountants, 1958  
 Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and of Land Surveyors, 1958  
 Youth Service Board and Division of Youth Service, 1956  
 Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and of Land Surveyors, 1957  
 Board of Registration in Pharmacy, 1958  
 Comptroller's Bureau (Commission on Administration and Finance), 1958  
 Judicial Council of Massachusetts, 1958  
 Division on the Necessaries of Life (Department of Labor and Industries), 1958  
 Employment Security Division, 1957  
 Board of Conciliation and Arbitration (Department of Labor and Industries),  
 July 1 to Dec. 31, 1956

Board of Conciliation and Arbitration (Department of Labor and Industries), 1958  
 Finance Commission of the City of Boston, 1958  
 Purchasing Bureau (Commission on Administration and Finance), 1958  
 Department of the Treasurer and Receiver-General, 1958  
 Assessments for Interest, Serial Bonds and Maintenance of the Metropolitan  
 Districts (Department of the Treasurer and Receiver-General), 1958  
 Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section C, Savings Banks and Institutions  
 for Savings, 1958  
 Trustees, Massachusetts Mental Health Center, 1957  
 Board of Registration in Medicine, 1958  
 Department of Education, Part 1, 1958  
 Division of Apprentice Training (Department of Labor and Industries), 1957  
 Police Commissioner for the City of Boston, 1958  
 Minimum Wage Commission (Department of Labor and Industries), 1957  
 Board of Registration of Architects, 1958  
 Department of Commerce, Period July 1, 1957 to March 1, 1959  
 Department of Correction, Statistical Report, 1957  
 State Racing Commission, 1958  
 Division on the Employment of the Aging, 1957  
 Board of Registration in Embalming and Funeral Directing, 1958  
 Licensing Board for the City of Boston, 1958  
 University of Massachusetts, 1958  
 Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians, 1956  
 Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians, 1957  
 Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians, 1958  
 Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section D, Trust Companies and Certain  
 Other Financial Institutions, 1958  
 Department of Education, Part 2, 1958  
 Vital Statistics of Massachusetts (Department of the Secretary of the Common-  
 wealth), 1957  
 Statistics of County Finances (Department of Corporations and Taxation), 1958

#### ARCHIVES

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959, there have been made 8 military certificates; 23 typewritten copies; 77,436 photostatic copies of legislative records, maps, plans, veterans' discharges, and corporation records.

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Section 167, as amended, providing for the filing in the Secretary's Office of a statement by persons who represent petitioners for pardons, paroles, commutations of or respites from sentences; 38 persons have so filed.

Under General Laws, Chapter 264, Section 14, providing for the taking of an oath by every person entering the service of the Commonwealth and the filing of such oath in the Office of the Secretary, approximately 18,000 oaths have been received and filed.

We are looking forward to moving our precious Archives to the new quarters that should be ready for occupancy at the end of this year.

The addition of a Museum to the Archives entails increased responsibilities for the small Archives Staff, and provisions should be made for the employment of a Curator of the Museum and a Handy-man.

#### CENSUS DIVISION

There will be a federal census taken during 1960 which will in all likelihood bring about changes in our congressional representation and, as a consequence, changes in the boundaries of our congressional districts.



## COMMISSIONS

The number of commissions issued during the year ending June 30, 1959 was 6,157, of which 1,324 were without fee and 154 became void by reason of the failure of the appointees to take out the commissions or to qualify thereunder.

The different classes were as follows:

Notaries Public . . . . .	4,831
Justices of the Peace . . . . .	123
Justices of the Peace designated to solemnize marriages . . . . .	12
Justices of the Peace to issue Warrants and Take Bail . . . . .	5
Associate Justices, Superior Court . . . . .	10
Justice, Municipal Court, Brighton District . . . . .	1
Associate Justices, Municipal Court of Boston . . . . .	2
Justice, District Court of Springfield . . . . .	1
Justice, District Court of Central Berkshire . . . . .	1
Justice, Fourth District Court of Berkshire . . . . .	1
Justice, Third District Court of Bristol . . . . .	1
Justice, First District Court of Barnstable . . . . .	1
Special Justice, Municipal Court, Roxbury District . . . . .	1
Special Justice, Municipal Court, Brookline . . . . .	1
Special Justice, District Court of Peabody . . . . .	1
Clerk, District Court of Chelsea . . . . .	1
Clerk, District Court of Williamstown . . . . .	1
Clerk, District Court of Northern Essex . . . . .	1
Clerk, First District Court of Northern Worcester . . . . .	1
Clerk, District Court of Northern Berkshire . . . . .	1
Members, Judicial Council . . . . .	2
Secretary of the Commonwealth — (Interim Vacancy) . . . . .	1
Masters in Chancery . . . . .	7
Public Administrators . . . . .	18
Medical Examiners . . . . .	13
Associate Medical Examiners . . . . .	9
Commissioners of Administration . . . . .	2
Budget Commissioner . . . . .	1
Commissioner, Department of Mental Health . . . . .	1
Commissioner, Department of Correction . . . . .	1
Commissioner of Insurance, Department Banking and Insurance . . . . .	1
Commissioners, Department of Public Utilities . . . . .	3
Commissioner, Department of Public Health . . . . .	1
Commissioner, Department of Public Safety . . . . .	1
Commissioner, Department of Labor and Industries . . . . .	1
Commissioner, Department of Commerce . . . . .	1
Commissioner, Metropolitan District Commission . . . . .	1
Associate Commissioner, Department of Public Works . . . . .	1
Associate Commissioners, Metropolitan District Commission . . . . .	2
Deputy Commissioner, Veterans' Services . . . . .	1
Supervisor of Benefits . . . . .	1
Director of Civil Defense . . . . .	1
State Superintendent of Buildings . . . . .	1
Members, Industrial Accident Board . . . . .	2
Member, State Tax Commission . . . . .	1
Fire Marshal . . . . .	1
Massachusetts Parking Authority . . . . .	4
Mount Greylock Tramway Authority . . . . .	1
Boston Arena Authority . . . . .	1
New Bedford, Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard & Nantucket Steamship Authority . . . . .	1
Metropolitan Transit Authority . . . . .	1



Board of Excise, City of Chelsea	2
Finance Commission, City of Boston	3
Director of Registration	1
Members, Boards of Registration	23
Director, Division of Employment Security	1
Trustees, Mental Hospitals	14
Director, Division of the Blind	1
Trustees, miscellaneous, Hospitals and Schools	30
Trustees, County Agricultural Schools	3
Member, Reservation Commissions	1
Director, Division of Employment Security	1
Members, miscellaneous Boards and Commissions	238
Special State Police Officers	135
Commissioners to Qualify Public Officers	11
Commissions — Non-resident Clergymen	586
Public Warehouse licenses	27
	<u>6,157</u>

Under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 121, as amended, providing for the issue of certificates of organization to Housing Authorities by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and filing of certificates of appointment, election, resignation or removal of the various members of such Authorities in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth

Certificates of organization of Housing Authorities	1
Certificates of organization of Redevelopment Authorities	4
Certificates of appointment of Housing Authorities Members	116
Certificates of appointment of Redevelopment Authorities Members	10
Certified copies of the Memberships	103

have been issued or delivered.

Under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 4 providing for the recording of an acceptance or rejection of certain statutes to be recorded in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

101 such acceptances and 6 rejections have been received, recorded and indexed.

Under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 11A, as inserted by Chapter 626 of the Acts of 1958 providing for the filing of notice of meetings of certain Boards in the office of the Secretary 447 such notices have been received and filed.

Appointments to Recess and Special Commissions were received from His Excellency the Governor, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives which were recorded and filed. Commissions were not issued.

Certificates to the number of 11,810 were issued, of which 4,081 were for certificates for which no fees are charged. Forty persons re-registered as required under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 7B; and eight persons paid penalty fees as required under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 13.

#### CORPORATION DIVISION

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959 was 5,603. Said certificates of incorporation are classified as follows:

Business	5,075
Religious, charitable, social, etc.	480
Fraternal beneficiary	6
Church	32
Credit Union	5
Banking organization	2
Co-operatives	3
	<u>5,603</u>

The number of certificates of every description filed was 100,816. Said certificates are classified as follows:

Articles of organization of the six classes of corporations mentioned above	5,603
Certificates of organization of cemetery corporations	1
Business issues	495
Business increases	244
Business reductions	116
Business amendments	950
Non-business changes of name	35
Religious, charitable, social, etc., amendments	27
Fraternal beneficiary amendments	19
Gas and electric company increases and gas and electric company amendments	16
Trust company increases	5
Insurance company increases	2
Insurance company amendments	1
Business consolidations	29
Business mergers	2
Conditions	40,315
Social and athletic corporation annual reports	4,126
Foreign increases	12
Foreign reductions	13
Foreign powers of attorney by person or partnership	5
Trust receipt financing statements	692
Liens	20
Financial Statement filings	35,814
Termination statements	680
Copies	5
Voluntary association trust reports	974
Trade-marks	295
Trade-mark Renewals	10
Laundry mark registration	17
Assignments of trade-marks	17
Limited Partnerships	42
Gas and electric company approvals of issue, etc.	18
Railroad and street railway approvals of issue, etc.	1
Water Company approval	2
Contracts of railroad and street railway companies	1
Certificates of clerks of various courts relative to dissolution of corporations	10
Petition for surrender of charter and dissolution	0
Certificates of revival of corporations	102
Certificates of consent to change of location of social and athletic corporations	20
Disapprovals	2
Certificates of re-incorporations	2
Non-business charters declared void	3
Non-business charters withheld	20
Non-business applications for incorporation withdrawn	2
Certified copies supplied	8,410
Special certificates supplied	1,414
Abstracts supplied	205
Exemplifications supplied	0
Certifications supplied	22

#### EXECUTIVE ORDERS

There were no executive orders and no administrative orders filed by His Excellency during the fiscal year 1958-1959.

### PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, RESPITES, REQUISITIONS, ETC.

The number of pardons issued during the year was 114; of which 105 were full and complete; 1 conditional; 7 commutations; 1 respite.

There were 86 requisitions issued; of which 5 were upon the Secretary of Defense of the United States of America; 1 upon the Chief Justice of the District Court for the District of Columbia, Washington, D. C.

There were 29 warrants issued upon requisitions from other States.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND AGENTS' EXPENSES 1958 SESSION

In compliance with General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 3, Sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relating to the filing of legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation there were during or following the 1958 session of the General Court 292 entries made in the dockets, a decrease of 15 compared with 1957.

Returns covering 281 entries were received from persons, associates, or corporations employing legislative counsel or agents. Eleven employers who failed to file returns within the time prescribed by law have been reported to the Attorney General. One return appeared to be irregular.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel or agent was \$307,885.86. Of this amount \$64,647.29 represents annual salaries or retainers of regular employees apportioned, and \$26,960.01 unapportioned, and \$216,288.56 payments in connection with legislation only. Ten employers stated they paid nothing.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND AGENTS' EXPENSES 1959 SESSION

Since the 1959 session of the General Court was not concluded on or prior to June 30, 1959, the reports of the expenses of legislative counsel and legislative agents required under Chapter 3, General Laws, have not been filed at this office nor will they be filed until after the prorogation of the 1959 session. They will accordingly be incorporated in the annual report for the fiscal year 1959-1960.

### PROCLAMATIONS

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. For the observance of each of the following, 10,500 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks:—Commodore John Barry Day, September 13, 1958; Constitution Day, September 17, 1958; Senior Citizens Day, September 21, 1958; Pulaski Day, October 11, 1958; Columbus Day, October 12, 1958; United Nations Day, October 24, 1958; Veterans' Day, November 11, 1958; American Education Week, November 9-15, 1958; Thanksgiving Day, November 27, 1958; Disabled American Veterans' Hospital Day, December 7, 1958; Civil Rights Week, December 8-15, 1958; Army and Navy Union Day, December 13, 1958; New Orleans Day, January 8, 1959; American History Month, Month of February, 1959; Lincoln Day, February 12, 1959; Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1959; Washington Day, February 22, 1959; Anniversary of Boston Massacre, March 5, 1959; Peter Francisco Day, March 15, 1959; Evacuation Day, March 17, 1959; Patriots' Day, April 19, 1959; Loyalty Day, May 1, 1959; Polish Constitution Day, May 3, 1959; Mothers' Day, May 10, 1959; La Fayette Day, May 20, 1959; Massachusetts Art Week, May 24-30, 1959; Memorial Day, May 30, 1959; Children's Day, June 14, 1959; Flag Day, June 14, 1959; Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1959 and Father's Day, June 21, 1959.

July 4, 1958 was designated as Veteran Firemen's Muster Day, August 7, 1958 as Purple Heart Day, August 10, 1958 as Children's Day, August 12, 1959 as



Indian Day, August 26, 1958 as Susan B. Anthony Day and 6,500 copies of each proclamation were distributed to churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 5-11, 1958 and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices.

March 13, 1959 was set apart by His Excellency the Governor as Student Government Day, and 5,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were printed and distributed to the schools.

For the observance of Arbor and Bird Day, April 24, 1959, 10,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks.

#### PROCLAMATIONS NOT REQUIRED BY STATUTE

One hundred and nineteen (119) proclamations were issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press and filed in the Archives, as follows:—Alaska Day, July 7, 1958; Miss Massachusetts Day, July 12, 1958; Atoms for Peace Day, July 13, 1958; First Marine Division Association Day, August 9, 1958; National Federation of Post Office Clerks Week, August 24-30, 1958; Sight Saving Month, September, 1958; Union Label Week, September 1-7, 1958; Yankee Trail Week during The Yankee Homecoming, September 1-7, 1958; Commemoration Day, September 2, 1958; National Home Week, September 6-14, 1958; Drum Corps Week, September 15-21, 1958; Atlantic Assembly Day, September 27, 1958; Marines of the Commonwealth, September 27, 1958; Restaurant Month, October, 1958; Railroad Veterans Day, October 4, 1958; Newspaperboy Day, October 4, 1958; Grandparents Day, October 5, 1958; National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week, October 5-11, 1958; National Business Women's Week, October 5-11, 1958; Massachusetts Fish and Seafood Week, October 6-12, 1958; Emergencies Don't Wait Week, October 10-18, 1958; Little Women Week, October 12-19, 1958; World Poetry Day, October 15, 1958; Credit Union Day, October 16, 1958; Noah Webster Day, October 16, 1958; Cleaner Air Week, October 19-25, 1958; Catholic Youth Week, October 26-November 2, 1958; Religion in American Life Month, November 1958; American Art Week, November 1-7, 1958; Civil Aviation Jet Day, November 13, 1958; American Reform Judaism Week, November 23-29, 1958; Albanian Independence Day, November 28, 1958; Harry Agganis Memorial Day, December 7, 1958; Big Brother Week, January 11-18, 1959; Alien Address Report Month, January, 1959; George Washington Carver Day, January 5, 1959; Cystic Fibrosis Week, January 18-24, 1959; Jaycee Week, January 18-24, 1959; Ukrainian Independence Day, January 22, 1959; Eastern Ski Week, January 24-February 1, 1959; Midwinter Baseball Week, January 25-31, 1959; Heart Month, February, 1959; Farm Broadcasting Day, February 7, 1959; Boy Scout Week, February 7-13, 1959; Children's Dental Health Week, February 8-11, 1959; National Electrical Week in Massachusetts, February 8-14, 1959; Advertising Week, February 8-14, 1959; Negro History Week, February 8-15, 1959; Science Youth Day, February 11, 1959; NAACP Golden Anniversary Day, February 12, 1959; National Defense Week, February 12-22, 1959; World Day of Prayer, February 13, 1959; Republic of Lithuania Day, February 16, 1959; Engineers' Week, February 22-28, 1959; Massachusetts Recreational Boating Week, February 22-March 1, 1959; Jewish War Veterans' Blood Donor Day, February 23, 1959; Easter Seal Month, February 27-March 29, 1959; United States Power Squadrons Day, February 28, 1959; Save Your Vision Week, March 1-7, 1959; Weights and Measures Week, March 1-7, 1959; ORT Day, March 11, 1959; National Wildlife Week, March 15-21, 1959; Camp Fire Girls Founder Day, March 17, 1959; Television Servicemen's Week, March 23, 1959; Greek Independence Day, March 25, 1959; AMVET Week, March 30-April 5, 1959; Cancer Control Month, April 1959; Boys' Club Week, April 6-12, 1959; Bataan Day, April 9, 1959; Child's Day for Youth Aliyah, April 12, 1959; Women Veterans' Day, April 12, 1959; Realtor Week, April 12-18, 1959; Youth



Temperance Education Week, April 12-18, 1959; World Trade Week, April 13-18, 1959; Pan American Week, April 13-19, 1959; Pan American Day, April 14, 1959; Red Sox Day, April 14, 1959; Sterling Silver Week, April 19-25, 1959; Juvenile Grange Day, April 25, 1959; University of Massachusetts Open House Days, April 25-26, 1959; Lions' Safety Day, April 26, 1959; Polio Vaccination Month, April 26-May 24, 1959; Know Your Bank Week, April 27-May 1, 1959; Better Hearing Month, Month of May, 1959; Cerebral Palsy Month, May 1959; National Radio Month, May 1959; 100th Anniversary of Superior Court of the Commonwealth, May 1, 1959; Youth Day, May 1, 1959; Humane Sunday, May 3, 1959; Audubon Week, May 3, 1959; Be Kind to Animals Week, May 3-9, 1959; Soil Stewardship Week, May 3-10, 1959; Muscular Dystrophy Week, Week of May 4, 1959; National Music Week, May 4-11, 1959; National Insurance Women's Day, May 9, 1959; Bicycle Safety Week, May 10, 1959; Girls' Clubs Week, May 10-16, 1959; National Transportation Week, May 10-16, 1959; Armenian Heritage Week, May 10-17, 1959; Multiple Sclerosis Month, May 10-June 21, 1959; Israel's Eleventh Anniversary Week, May 11-17, 1959; Women's Army Corps Veterans Day, May 14, 1959; National Defense Transportation Day, May 15, 1959; Armed Forces Day, May 16, 1959; Education for the Blind Week, May 16-22, 1959; National Retail Bakers Week, May 17-23, 1959; Student of Nursing Day, May 19, 1959; National Maritime Day, May 22, 1959; Cranberry Highway Week, May 24-30, 1959; Founders' Week, May 24-30, 1959; Massachusetts Bay Yachting and Boating Season, May 30-September 20, 1959; National Recreation Month, June 1959; National Refrigeration Service Engineers Society Week, June 1-7, 1959; Shut-In Day, June 7, 1959; Dorchester Day, June 13, 1959; Baltic States Freedom Day, June 14, 1959; Fraternal Week, June 14-20, 1959; Little League Foundation Week, June 14-20, 1959.

#### PUBLIC DOCUMENT DIVISION

During the fiscal year 1959, the following publications were received for distribution through the Public Document Division. *Reports*: 27,441 copies of the Public Document Series, representing twenty-eight reports of the several state departments, boards and commissions; *Laws*: 8,500 copies of the 1958 bound edition of the Acts and Resolves, commonly called the Blue Book; 7,560 copies of the 1958 pamphlet edition of the Acts and Resolves; 5,000 copies of the 1958 Supplement to the Laws Relating to Insurance; 5,015 copies of the Massachusetts Uniform Commercial Code, 1958; *Veterans Proceedings*: 600 copies of the Proceedings of the Fifty-eighth Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1957; 995 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-ninth Annual Convention, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1957; 607 copies of the Proceedings of the Thirty-sixth Annual Convention, Disabled American Veterans of the World War, Department of Massachusetts, 1957; 473 copies of the Twenty-first and Twenty-second Annual Conventions, Marine Corps League, Department of Massachusetts, 1957 and 1958; *Journals and Manuals*: 600 copies each of the Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives, 1958, total, 1,200 copies (from the Sergeant-at-Arms); 300 copies of the Journals of the House of Representatives, Volume 33, Part 1, 1756; 5,060 copies of the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Examinations for the Police Services, 1958-A Edition; *Massachusetts Reports*: 475 copies of Volume 336, Massachusetts Reports; *Miscellaneous*: 9,085 copies of the Table of Changes in the Tercentenary Edition, of the General Laws, 1932 to 1958, inclusive; 2,051 copies of the Report of the Committee on Education for Citizenship, 1958; 412 copies of the edition of the Executive Council Report on the return of votes for State Officers, etc., 1958; 400 copies of Public Officers of Massachusetts, 1959-60; making a grand total of 75,174 copies.

The sale of surplus volumes of the Massachusetts Reports, Volumes 245 to 319, inclusive, as authorized by Chapter 57, Resolves of 1950, commenced on January 1, 1951. Of the approximate number of copies available for sale at that time, namely 90,000 copies, about 1,333 copies were sold during this fiscal year.

## PUBLIC RECORDS DIVISION

In compliance with General Laws (Ter. Ed.), Chapter 66, Section 1, the Supervisor of Public Records has visited and inspected public records in certain cities and towns within the Commonwealth, also a few county offices, to determine the custody and care given such records.

Due to the lack of a sufficient appropriation travel had to be curtailed and many more visits should have been made during the past fiscal year.

### *Standard Record Ink*

In accordance with General Laws (Ter. Ed.), Chapter 66, Section 2, this department furnishes approved standard record ink for use on public records in the several departments and offices of the Commonwealth and of the counties, cities and towns, in which such records are kept. Ink supplied to the departments and offices of the Commonwealth is paid for by this department; ink supplied to the counties, cities and towns is paid for by the individual county, city or town. Offices in and near the State House may obtain ink at Room 252, State House. This will result in a saving on delivery charges and faster and more efficient distribution.

Violations of Section 4 of Chapter 66, which forbids the use on public records of other than approved standard record ink have been observed. This division has notified all offenders as to the provisions of said Section 4.

### *Repairing and Binding*

In keeping with the policy of doing some binding in the Department each year several volumes have been repaired and rebound in the Archives, Vital Statistics and Corporation Divisions. More volumes of the Massachusetts archives will be bound, subject to the amount appropriated.

Recommendations for repairing and binding of public records have been made.

### *Carbon Paper*

Copies of the list of the brand names of approved carbon papers, the use of which is authorized by Chapter 310 of the Acts of 1950 are available in Room 252.

### *Typewriter Ribbons*

Copies of the list of approved typewriter ribbons are available at this office wherein the approved typewriter ribbons are identified as having successfully passed the Fade-O-Meter test. Room 252.

### *Stamp Pads and Stamp Pad Inks*

Copies of the up-to-date list of approved brands of stamp pads and stamp pad inks are available at this office.

Purchasing agents and other interested persons of the various State departments, cities and towns have been supplied with copies of the above mentioned lists.

### *Safes and Vaults*

This division has available for distribution on request specifications for the construction of fire-proof safes and vaults based on recommendations proposed by the National Fire Protection Association. All improvements to present installations must be completed according to the standards required for new construction.

In several instances new vaults have been recommended to replace antiquated safes.

Installations of new doors replacing older types have been observed.

# REFERENDA

## DIVISION OF ELECTIONS

### INITIATIVE PETITIONS

On July 2, 1958, 22,307 additional signatures to an Initiative Petition for An Act providing for the annual adjustment of pensions and retirement allowances payable to persons engaged in gainful occupation after retirement for disability were filed. Subsequently the question appeared on the State Election ballot, November 4, 1958. This was approved by a vote of 1,011,028 (Yes), 403,519 (No).

No initiative or referendum petitions were filed during the year ending June 30, 1959.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS

By General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 30, Section 37, as amended by Chapter 556 of the Acts of 1951 and Chapter 30A, Section 2, inserted by Section 1 of Chapter 681 of the Acts of 1954, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, or to be observed or performed under penalty for the violation thereof, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law, rules and regulations were filed by the following departments, boards and commissions during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1959 or prior to that date.

### DEPARTMENTS WHICH HAVE FILED RULES AND REGULATIONS IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY PRIOR TO JULY 1, 1959

1. Administration and Finance, Commission on
2. Agriculture, Department of,  
Milk Control Commission
3. Appellate Tax Board
4. Banks, Commissioner of  
Division of Insurance
5. Boston Police Department
6. Civil Service and Registration, Department of  
Board of Registration of Barbers  
Board of Registration of Certified Public Accountants  
Rules and Regulations of State Departments
7. Corporations and Taxation, Department of  
State Tax Commission
8. Courts:  
Supreme Judicial Court, Suffolk County
9. Education, Department of
10. Employment Security, Division of
11. Labor and Industries, Department of
12. Massachusetts Turnpike Authority
13. Natural Resources, Department of  
Division of Fisheries and Game  
Division of Forest and Parks  
Division of Marine Fisheries
14. Public Health, Department of  
Division of Hospital Costs and Finances
15. Public Safety, Department of  
Board of Boiler Rules  
Board of Elevator Regulations



16. Public Utilities, Department of
17. Public Welfare, Department of
18. Public Works, Department of,  
Registry of Motor Vehicles
19. State Racing Commission

#### VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION

Under the provisions of General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 46, Section 17, returns of births, marriages and deaths from 351 cities and towns and births and deaths from Tewksbury Hospital for the year 1958 were received and total 116,950 births and 35,480 marriages, a decrease of 1,272 births and an increase of 652 marriages, as compared with the returns of 1957.

Under the provisions of the same statute 57,061 certified copies of deaths were received, an increase of 201, as compared with the records of 1957.

Medical Examiners' returns for 1958 cover 14,506, an increase of 760, as compared with returns of 1957.

Returns by Clerks of Courts and Registers of Probate of the decrees of divorce granted during 1958 number 5,458, an increase of 48, as compared with the returns of 1957.

From July 1, 1958 to June 30, 1959, 11,771 certificates of births, 2,113 certificates of marriage and 2,844 certificates of deaths were issued, a total of 16,728 certified copies. Also there were 6,537 certified abstracts furnished for Soldiers' Relief and United States Government war claims without fee.

The demand for records for military purposes, social security, aid and relief, school and other purposes still continues.

There were 54,342 requests for records during this period.

A total of \$9,258.75 was received by this Division during this fiscal period. Of this amount \$8,364.00 was for certified copies of birth, marriage and death records; \$184.75 for certification of exact copies of records and for exemplified statements; and \$710.00 was refunded to the remitters because excessive amounts were sent in or the requested service could not be rendered. 16,538 card abstracts of birth records for school, employment, enlistment, welfare and civil service purposes were issued without charge.

There were 11,796 copies and verifications made of birth, marriage and death records without fee for welfare, social security, employment and enlistment purposes.

There were 7,128 delayed records of birth and corrections of birth records, 212 corrections of marriage records and 41 corrections of death records.

Returns of 3,617 names changed in 1958 as decreed by the courts were received and filed in compliance with the requirements of General Laws, Chapter 210, Section 12.

Vital records are kept on a calendar year basis, not on the fiscal standard.

It is a pleasure to report that the issuance of corporate charters has been expedited to the extent that it is now current for the first time in a quarter of a century.

And it is our hope and expectation that the department will soon be enabled to mechanize all statistical recording, microfilm such records and furnish readers for use of the staff and the public in examining such records, an installation which will expedite efficient service and economize on space.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH D. WARD

*Secretary of the Commonwealth*



THE FOLLOWING ARE THE  
RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION  
TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS  
OF THE GENERAL LAWS

ALSO

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION  
OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY  
THE GENERAL COURT

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RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yea	No
1958					
July 16	City Clerk, Westfield	An Act permitting in certain cities the use of facsimile countersignatures upon bonds, notes and certificates of indebtedness issued by such cities (1957, 58)	July 10, 1958	-1	-
July 18	Town Clerk, Framingham	An Act relative to increasing the amount of pension of certain retired police officers and fire fighters (1957, 427)	June 23, 1958	-2	-
Aug. 4	City Clerk, Fall River	An Act authorizing cities and towns to provide temporary resurfacing of certain private ways open to public use upon payment of one half the cost by certain abutting owners (1958, 195)	July 22, 1958	-1	-
Aug. 8	City Clerk, Quincy	An Act establishing a board of managers of public burial places in the city of Quincy (1958, 499)	Aug. 7, 1958	-3	-
Aug. 19	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pension Thomas J. Conaty (1958, 479)	Aug. 18, 1958	-3	-
Aug. 22	City Clerk, Gloucester	An Act authorizing the city of Gloucester to establish regulations requiring owners to connect with the common sewer therein (1958, 522)	Aug. 14, 1958	-1	-
Aug. 29	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act authorizing the city of Pittsfield to borrow a sum of money for additions and improvements to the water system of said city (1958, 497)	Aug. 27, 1958	-3	-
Sept. 5	Secretary, Congregation Chay Adam Church, Incorporated	An Act providing for the merger and union of the congregation of Chay Adam Church, Incorporated with the United House of Israel, Inc., both of North Adams, and the transfer of the property of said congregation to the United House of Israel, Inc. (1958, 546)	Sept. 3, 1958	-1	-
Sept. 5	Secretary, United House of Israel, Inc.	An Act providing for the merger and union of the congregation of Chay Adam Church, Incorporated with the United House of Israel, Inc., both of North Adams, and the transfer of the property of said congregation to the United House of Israel, Inc. (1958, 546)	Sept. 3, 1958	-3	-
Sept. 8	Clerk, First Parish Church (Unitarian), Quincy	An Act enabling Wollaston Unitarian Society and First Parish Church (Unitarian) in Quincy, Massachusetts to complete their consolidation (1958, 520)	Aug. 25, 1958	-6	-
Sept. 8	Clerk, Wollaston Unitarian Society	An Act enabling Wollaston Unitarian Society and First Parish Church (Unitarian) in Quincy, Massachusetts to complete their consolidation (1958, 520)	Sept. 4, 1958	-7	-
Sept. 16	City Clerk, Everett	An Act authorizing the city of Everett to use certain park land for public building purposes (1958, 187)	Sept. 5, 1958	-3	-
Sept. 17	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act authorizing the transfer of a certain parcel of park land in the city of New Bedford from the board of park commissioners to the board of trustees of the free public library of said city (1958, 445)	Sept. 15, 1958	-3	-
Sept. 26	Clerk, Salem and Beverly Water Supply Board	An Act providing that certain provisions of law relative to the retirement of certain veterans shall apply to the officers, employees and members of the Salem and Beverly Water Supply Board (1958, 205)	April 24, 1958	-2	-
Sept. 30	Town Clerk, Athol	An Act authorizing the town of Athol to allow the use of its equipment with its operator on private property for certain purposes (1958, 477)	Sept. 22, 1958	-2	-
Oct. 3	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act authorizing and directing the retirement board of the city of Springfield to refund certain money to the estate of Thomas Sheehan (1958, 470)	Sept. 29, 1958	-1	-
Oct. 3	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act authorizing the city of Springfield to pay certain sums to persons named as beneficiaries under a group insurance contract covering certain deceased employees of said city (1958, 471)	Sept. 29, 1958	-1	-

Oct. 7	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the city of Lynn to grant a right of way to Valladolid Building Association of Lynn, Mass. over certain park land in said city (1958, 171)	Oct. 2, 1958	-3
Oct. 17	City Clerk, Medford	An Act establishing a traffic commission in the city of Medford (1958, 421)	Oct. 10, 1958	-1
Oct. 23	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for the construction, maintenance, repair and operation of an additional vehicular tunnel between Boston proper and East Boston; conferring upon the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority the power and duty to construct, maintain, repair and operate the same; providing for the financing of such additional tunnel and the refinancing of the existing tunnel; providing for the transfer to said authority of said existing tunnel; and repealing certain existing provisions of law pertaining thereto. (1958, 598)	Oct. 21, 1958	-3
Oct. 23	City Clerk, North Adams	An Act clarifying the zoning enabling act relative to authorizing variances to zoning ordinances and by-laws (1957, 123)	Sept. 23, 1958	-1
Nov. 21	Town Clerk, Westwood	An Act to include the town of Westwood within the South Metropolitan Sewerage District (1957, 764)	Nov. 17, 1958	-3
Dec. 1	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act establishing a traffic commission in the city of New Bedford (1958, 630)	Nov. 28, 1958	-3
Dec. 3	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act authorizing the city of Springfield to pay a death benefit to Angelina Lemme, the widow of John Luciano Lemme, a deceased employee (1958, 579)	Dec. 1, 1958	-1
Dec. 4	City Clerk, Revere	An Act authorizing cities and towns to grant annuities to the surviving spouse, or children, of certain officials or employees who have been retired or pensioned under any non-contributory retirement law (1958, 559)	Dec. 3, 1958	-1
Dec. 4	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act increasing the amount of pension of certain retired police officers and fire fighters (1957, 427)	Dec. 1, 1958	-1
Dec. 4	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act providing for contributory group insurance for persons in the service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents (1955, 760)	Nov. 21, 1958	-1
Dec. 4	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act relative to additional time off or additional pay for certain members of the fire department of the city of Worcester who are required to work on certain legal holidays (1958, 551)	Nov. 21, 1958	-1
Dec. 4	Town Clerk, Hamilton	An Act extending to certain civil defense volunteers the provisions of law applicable to municipal employees for indemnification of damages sustained through the operation of publicly owned vehicles (1956, 401)	Mar. 4, 1957	-2
Dec. 18	Asst. City Clerk, Quincy	An Act providing pensions for widows of laborers under the non-contributory pension system (1957, 750)	Dec. 11, 1958	-3
Dec. 30	Clerk, South Essex Sewerage System, Salem	An Act relative to the retirement of veterans employed by the South Essex Sewerage District (1958, 145)	April 10, 1958	-1
Dec. 30	City Clerk, Peabody	An Act relative to the retirement of veterans employed by the South Essex Sewerage District (1958, 145)	April 24, 1958	-1
Dec. 30	City Clerk, Beverly	An Act relative to the retirement of veterans employed by the South Essex Sewerage District (1958, 145)	April 18, 1958	-5
1959 Jan. 2	City Clerk, Boston	An Act providing for the payment to the Franklin Foundation for the benefit of the Franklin Technical Institute of the trust fund bequeathed by Benjamin Franklin to the inhabitants of the town of Boston (1958, 596)	Dec. 31, 1958	-3
Jan. 28	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act permitting certain cities the use of facsimile countersignatures upon bonds, notes and certificates of indebtedness issued by such cities (1957, 58)	Jan. 26, 1959	-3
Feb. 4	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a pension to Alphonse Simon (1958, 565)	Jan. 2, 1959	-3
Feb. 10	Town Clerk, Southbridge	An Act extending to certain civil defense volunteers the provisions of law applicable to municipal employees for indemnification of damages sustained through the operation of publicly owned vehicles (1956, 401)	Mar. 17, 1958	-2



RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT—Continued

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1959					
Feb. 12	Bristol County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the county commissioners of Bristol County to purchase a new beach wagon to replace the beach wagon presently used for the transportation of prisoners at the house of correction (1959, 12)	Feb. 11, 1959	-	-
Feb. 20	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act extending to certain civil defense volunteers the provisions of law applicable to municipal employees for indemnification of damages sustained through the operation of publicly owned vehicles (1956, 401)	Feb. 16, 1959	-	-
Mar. 4	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act authorizing the placing under civil service of the offices and positions of employees of the offices of the treasurer and collector of taxes of the city of Lawrence (1959, 40)	Mar. 2, 1959	-	-
Mar. 19	City Clerk, Waltham	An Act increasing the amount of pension of certain retired police officers and fire fighters (1957, 427)	Feb. 25, 1959	-	-
Mar. 19	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act providing tenure of office for William M. McLaughlin, incumbent of the office of Parking Meter Co-Ordinator in the city of Cambridge (1959, 94)	Mar. 16, 1959	-	-
Mar. 19	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act to ascertain the will of the voters of the town of Natick relative to the continuance or discontinuance of kindergartens (1959, 28)		4,276	3,673
Mar. 30	City Clerk, Gloucester	An Act authorizing the city of Gloucester to grant an easement over certain park property (1959, 81)	Mar. 26, 1959	-	-
Apr. 6	City Clerk, Fall River	An Act authorizing the city of Fall River Park Department to transfer certain parkway land to the Public Works Department for Highway Purposes (1959, 86)	Apr. 2, 1959	-	-
Apr. 6	City Clerk, Fall River	An Act relative to the appointment of substitutes for certain city officials in Fall River (1959, 112)	Apr. 2, 1959	-	-
Apr. 21	Town Clerk, Wellesley	An Act relative to the payment of the cost of construction of particular sewers and connecting drains in the town of Wellesley (1959, 139)	Mar. 23, 1959	-	-
Apr. 21	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act authorizing the town of Dalton to construct and operate a system of sewers and to contract with the city of Pittsfield for the use of its sewerage system which said city is authorized to expand (1959, 129)	Apr. 16, 1959	-	-
Apr. 28	Town Clerk, Saugus	An Act providing for a five day week for members of the police force in certain cities and towns (1951, 346)	Mar. 23, 1959	-	-
Apr. 28	Town Clerk, Rockland	An Act increasing the amount of pension of certain retired police officers and fire fighters (1957, 427)	Mar. 2, 1959	-	-
May 4	Town Clerk, Andover	An Act establishing a selectmen-town manager plan for the town of Andover (1956, 571)	Mar. 4, 1957	1,745	2,791
May 4	Town Clerk, Andover	An Act establishing a selectmen-town manager plan for the town of Andover (1956, 571)	Mar. 3, 1958	3,138	2,792
May 4	Board of Selectmen, Marblehead	An Act relative to the office of special investigator in the police department of the town of Marblehead (1959, 238)	Apr. 29, 1959	-	-
May 12	City Clerk, Marbleborough	An Act authorizing the city of Marbleborough to borrow money for the purpose of providing off-street public parking facilities in said city (1959, 172)	May 1, 1959	-	-
May 12	Town Clerk, Watertown	An Act relative to increasing the amounts of pensions, retirement allowances and annuities payable to certain former public employees (1952, 624)	Apr. 15, 1959	-	-
May 12	City Clerk, Melrose	An Act authorizing cities and towns to provide temporary resurfacing of certain private ways open to public use upon payment of one half the cost by certain abutting owners (1958, 195)	Apr. 21, 1959	-	-
May 26	Board of Aldermen, Chelsea	An Act increasing the amount of pension of certain retired police officers and fire fighters who had not attained age sixty at the time of retirement (1959, 120)	May 20, 1959	-	-
May 28	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act to grant time off without loss of pay to delegates to the state convention of the associated fire fighters of Massachusetts AFL; CIO (1959, 285)	May 25, 1959	-	-



June 4	Secretary, American Unitarian Association . . . . .	An Act enabling American Unitarian Association to hold meetings of its members anywhere in the United States of America and Canada (1959, 217)	May	26, 1959	-10	-
June 11	City Clerk, Quincy . . . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Quincy to appropriate and pay a certain sum of money to R. W. LeBaron, Inc. of Waltham (1959, 263)	June	9, 1959	-3	-
June 12	City Clerk, Boston . . . . .	An Act authorizing the city of Boston to pay a sum of money to Francis D. Garvey to reimburse him for certain injuries (1958, 271)	June	9, 1959	-3	-
June 19	City Clerk, Quincy . . . . .	An Act granting unlimited tenure of office to the present incumbent of the office of commissioner of public health of the city of Quincy until he attains the age of seventy (1959, 110)	June	17, 1959	-3	-
June 25	City Clerk, Southbridge . . . . .	An Act increasing the amount of pension of certain retired police officers and fire fighters (1957, 427)	June	22, 1959	-2	-
June 25	City Clerk, Cambridge . . . . .	An Act increasing the amount of pension of certain retired police officers and fire fighters who had not attained age sixty at the time of retirement (1959, 120)	June	22, 1959	-1	-
June 25	City Clerk, Cambridge . . . . .	An Act to grant time off without loss of pay to delegates to the state convention of the associated fire fighters of Massachusetts AFL-CIO (1959, 285)	June	22, 1959	-1	-

<sup>1</sup>Accepted by the city council.

<sup>2</sup>Adopted by unanimous vote.

<sup>3</sup>Accepted by the mayor and city council.

<sup>4</sup>Accepted by the Congregation of Chay Adam Church, Incorporated.

<sup>5</sup>Accepted by the United House of Israel, Inc.

<sup>6</sup>Accepted by the First Parish Church in Quincy, Mass.

<sup>7</sup>Accepted by the Wollaston Unitarian Society.

<sup>8</sup>Accepted by the Board of Aldermen.

<sup>9</sup>Accepted by the County Commissioners of Bristol County.

<sup>10</sup>Accepted by the American Unitarian Association.

## RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL LAWS

WHEN RECEIVED	CITY OR TOWN	SUBJECT AND REFERENCE	ACTION	DATE OF ACTION
1958				
Aug. 28	North Adams	Making of repairs on private ways by cities and towns, 1953, 386 (G. L. 40, s. 6F).	Accepted	Aug. 26, 1958
Sept. 18	Brookton	Providing annuities to dependents of certain police officers and fire fighters killed in the performance of duty, 1957, 357 (G. L. 32, s. 89B)	Accepted	Sept. 8, 1958
Oct. 29	Fitchburg	Minimum housing standards established, 1954, 447 (G. L. 111, ss. 128A-128F)	Accepted	Oct. 21, 1958
Dec. 2	Hamilton	Relative to the licensed operation on the Lord's Day of bowling alleys, 1946, 207, s. 3 (G. L. 136, s. 4B)	Accepted	Mar. 3, 1958
Dec. 12	Pittsfield	Pensions for widows of policemen and fire fighters under the non-contributory retirement law, 1956, 374 (G. L. 32, s. 85I)	Accepted	Jan. 1, 1959
Dec. 12	Springfield	Relative to the granting of vacations for members of the regular or permanent police and fire forces in certain cities and towns, 1949, 384 (G. L. 41, s. 111D)	Accepted	Nov. 25, 1958
Dec. 12	Springfield	Vacations for certain municipal employees, 1952, 488 (G. L. 41, s. 111G)	Accepted	Nov. 25, 1958
Dec. 19	Melrose	Assessments for cost of laying water pipes in public or private ways, 1955, 332 (G. L. 40, ss. 42G-42 I)	Accepted	Dec. 15, 1958
1959				
Jan. 22	Revere	Annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards undergone in the performance of duty, 1951, 147 (G. L. 32, s. 89A)	Accepted	Jan. 21, 1959
Feb. 18	Byfield Water District	Creating a Stabilization Fund, G. L. 40, s. 5B	Accepted	Feb. 3, 1959
Feb. 18	Byfield Water District	Contributory retirement systems for cities and towns, G. L. 32, ss. 1-28, as amended	Accepted	Feb. 3, 1959
Mar. 5	Canton	Tenure of office of city and town clerks, G. L. 41, s. 19B	Accepted	Mar. 2, 1959
Mar. 5	Canton	Contributory group life, accident, hospitalization, medical and surgical insurance for persons in service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents, 1956, 730 (G. L. 32B)	Accepted	Mar. 2, 1959
Mar. 6	Acushnet	Contributory group life, accident, hospitalization, medical and surgical insurance for persons in service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents, 1956, 730 (G. L. 32B)	Accepted	Mar. 2, 1959
Mar. 9	Shrewsbury	Removal of snow and ice from private ways, G. L. 40, s. 6C	Accepted	Mar. 2, 1959
Mar. 10	Fairhaven	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, G. L. 48, s. 58B	Accepted	Mar. 2, 1959
Mar. 2	Winthrop	Establishment of department of public works in towns, authorized, 1953, 101, s. 1 (G. L. 41, ss. 69C-69F)	Rejected	Mar. 2, 1959
Mar. 2	Winthrop	Establishing a minimum annual compensation for fire fighters in certain cities and towns, 1958, 621 (G. L. 41, s. 108D)	Rejected	Mar. 2, 1959
Mar. 17	Marshfield	Assessments for cost of laying water pipes in public or private ways, 1955, 332 (G. L. 40, ss. 42G-42 I)	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1959
Mar. 18	Orleans	Uniforms for police and firemen, G. L. 40, s. 6B	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1959
Mar. 18	Orleans	Authorizing cities and towns to appropriate money for a stabilization fund, G. L. 40, s. 5B	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1959
Mar. 18	Orleans	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, ss. 1-3	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1959
Mar. 18	Orleans	Sale of certain articles on the Lord's day and licensing, G. L. 136, ss. 7-8	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1959
Mar. 18	Canton	Police officers of certain cities and towns to be given an additional day off duty or an additional day's pay when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A)	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1959
Mar. 18	Canton	Fire fighters of certain cities and towns to be given an additional day off duty or an additional day's pay when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1959
Mar. 19	North Andover	Providing for absent voting at regular town elections, G. L. 54, s. 103A	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1959
Mar. 23	Northbridge	Contributory group, general or blanket insurance for persons in the service of counties, cities, towns and districts and their dependents, 1956, 730 (G. L. 32B)	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1959
Mar. 24	Stoughton	Establishment of commissions to promote business and industry, 1955, 102 (G. L. 40, s. 8A)	Accepted	Mar. 16, 1959
Apr. 1	Ashland	Contributory group, general or blanket insurance for persons in the service of counties, cities, towns and districts and their dependents, 1956, 730 (G. L. 32B)	Accepted	Mar. 16, 1959
		Registration and operation of certain bicycles, 1941, 710 (G. L. 85, s. 11A)	Accepted	Mar. 4, 1959

Apr. 15	Rockland	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for police officers of certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A)	Accepted	Mar. 2, 1959
Apr. 15	Rockland	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for fire fighters of certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Mar. 2, 1959
Apr. 21	Wellesley	Contributory group life, accident, hospitalization, medical and surgical insurance for persons in service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents, 1956, 730 (G. L. 32B)	Rejected	Mar. 2, 1959
Apr. 24	Quincy	Annual step-rate increases for municipal public welfare employees, 1951, 537 (G. L. 31, s. 47E)	Accepted	Apr. 21, 1959
Apr. 24	Andover	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G. L. 139, ss. 1-3	Accepted	Mar. 17, 1959
May 4	Andover	Contributory group life, accident, hospitalization, medical and surgical insurance for persons in service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents, 1956, 730 (G. L. 32B)	Accepted	Mar. 2, 1959
May 22	Melrose	Pensions for widows of policemen and fire fighters under the non-contributory retirement law, 1956, 374 (G. L. 32, s. 85J)	Accepted	May 20, 1959
May 25	Somerville	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for police officers of certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1952, 268 (G. L. 147, s. 17A)	Accepted	May 19, 1959
May 25	Somerville	Additional day off duty or an additional day's pay for fire fighters of certain cities and towns, when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G. L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	May 19, 1959
June 19	Hamilton	Removal of snow and ice from private ways, G. L. 40, s. 6C	Accepted	Mar. 10, 1959
June 19	Wenham	Providing for the establishment of a regional school district, together with the town of Wenham, 1949, 638 (G. L. 71, ss. 16-16 I)	Accepted	June 9, 1959
June 19	Hamilton	Providing for the establishment of a regional school district, together with the town of Hamilton, 1949, 638 (G. L. 71, ss. 16-16 I)	Accepted	June 9, 1959





The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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# ANNUAL REPORT

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Secretary of the Commonwealth

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# MASSACHUSETTS

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Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1961



KEVIN H. WHITE

Secretary of the Commonwealth



“The records of the Commonwealth shall be kept in the office of the Secretary . . .”

CONSTITUTION OF 1780

Department of the Secretary  
of the Commonwealth

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Office of the Secretary  
July 3, 1961

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:—*

I have the honor to submit, in compliance with General Laws, Tercentenary Edition, Chapter 9, Section 17, as amended, the annual report of the transactions of this office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961. This report also includes the returns from cities and towns relative to action taken under certain provisions of the General Laws, and returns relative to the acceptance or rejection of certain Special Acts passed by the General Court, which returns were received during the fiscal year 1960-1961.

This report covers the administration of Joseph D. Ward from July 1, 1960 to January 18, 1960, and the administration of Kevin H. White from the latter date to June 30, 1961, the end of the fiscal year.

Very truly yours,

KEVIN H. WHITE,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth*

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY  
OF THE COMMONWEALTH

*For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1961*

FOREWORD

During the past fiscal year the receipts of the department reached an all-time high of just under two million dollars, with an excess of more than eight hundred thousand dollars over expenditures for all purposes during the period. This means that the Department of the Secretary of State returned a profit to the state of more than 80% on its investment. This is especially remarkable in view of the fact that the expenses of the 1960 presidential primary and election, accounting for almost half our total budget, are included in our expenditures.

Five-year Growth

Volume of Business .....	100%
Number of Personnel .....	11%

A comparison of the current figures with those of 1956 shows that the volume of business of the department has approximately doubled during the five-year period. During that time our personnel has increased by only eleven per cent. This has necessarily imposed a hardship upon our staff, since the workload has grown out of proportion to the increase in personnel.

The following figures show the growth of the department in the interval between 1956 and 1961:

Year	No. of Permanent employees	Receipts	Profit
1956	82	\$ 999,595.89	\$336,915.85
1961	91	1,910,947.66	832,977.37

The Secretary is convinced that a small increase in personnel would result not only in better service to the public but also in increased income for the commonwealth in the form of additional fees collected.

## RECEIPTS FISCAL YEAR 1961

The following table shows in detail receipts from fees, etc., for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1961 all of which were paid into the treasury daily, and quarterly reports thereof made to the Governor and Governor's Council as required by General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 9, Section 1.

Certificates .....	\$4,049.50
Commissions .....	38,542.00
Copies:	
Archives .....	5,310.80
Corporations .....	34,750.47
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	\$40,061.27
Corporations .....	1,618,379.25
Labels & Trade Marks .....	6,745.00
Liens .....	15.00
Limited Partnerships .....	650.00
Vital Statistics .....	15,661.11
Declarations of Trust .....	17,740.00
Uniform Commercial Code .....	129,641.00
Service of Progress .....	20.00
Fines and Penalties .....	90.00
Sales Advance Sheets .....	4,680.00
Sale of Books .....	19,315.36
Sales Term Reports .....	14,917.00
Royalties, Bird Books .....	5.25
Sales Other .....	350.26
Misc. Witness Fees .....	11.66
Misc. Other .....	84.00
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	\$1,910,947.66

Financial Statement Verified

Date: August 17, 1961

Approved for Publishing, John A. Ronan, Deputy Comptroller

## EXPENDITURES FISCAL YEAR 1961

0501-01 Secretary's Salary .....	\$11,000.00
0501-02 Administration .....	514,180.88
0502-01 Archives and Photostatic Copies .....	8,587.79
0502-02 Journals of the House .....	2,250.00
0503-01 Printing Acts and Resolves .....	20,672.35
0503-02 Decisions of the Supreme Court .....	36,455.98
0503-03 Printing Public Documents .....	6,932.51
0504-01 Primary and Other Elections .....	457,829.49
0504-04 List of Candidates .....	17,289.52
0504-05 Electoral College .....	971.77
0505-01 Medical Examiners Fees .....	1,800.00
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	\$1,077,970.29

Excess of Receipts over Expenditures, \$832,977.37.



## ARCHIVES DIVISION

### NEW BUILDING

The new Archives and Records Building was completed and turned over to the commonwealth in December, 1960. This is a significant milestone in the history of the Archives and offers new challenges and new opportunities. At last the historic documents entrusted to the care of the Secretary of the Commonwealth can be properly protected, properly cared for, and properly exhibited to the public.

### MOVING

During the months since the building was completed, the necessary storage equipment has been brought in, and at the time of this writing about ninety per cent of the records destined for the vault have been moved in. In the meantime a new search room nearer the vault has been assigned to the division and put into use, so that scholars may have a place in which to work.

### SERVICES

In its new quarters the Archives staff is attempting to broaden its regular services and to institute new ones. The records in charge of the division have always been public records, equally available to all who treat them with respect. Those who know of their value have long made use of them. The permanent staff of the Archives Division has an enviable reputation throughout the country for courtesy and efficiency. This is testified to by the grateful thanks expressed to that staff in the prefaces of many scholarly books. Now the general public is becoming increasingly aware of the existence of the Archives and the value of the documents contained in them.

### MICROFILM PROGRAM

It has long been the policy of the division to photoreproduce valuable documents that might suffer from general handling. This work is being intensified. Previously existing methods of managing microfilm have been codified and extended in accordance with the recommendations of the Society of American Archivists and the American Library Association. A method of reporting "master negatives" of essential microfilms to Civil Defense authorities has also been initiated. This will make it possible to reproduce key documents in time of disaster.

### CATALOGUING

The Massachusetts Archives have long been noted for their excellent catalogues of colonial documents. These allow researchers to find what they want without having to handle large numbers of documents, thereby eliminating much of the wear and tear on these documents. Such cataloguing continues. Moreover, the card catalogues themselves are being microfilmed, which will preserve them and allow them to be duplicated in case of need.

### OPENING OF THE EDWARD J. CRONIN MEMORIAL ROOM

By the time this report appears the dedication of the Archives museum, named in honor of the late Secretary of the Commonwealth Edward J. Cronin, will have taken place. It is the intention of the Archive staff to arrange inter-

esting and timely exhibits and to set up a schedule of visits by school groups from all over the commonwealth, so as to make maximum use of the educational possibilities of the room. Members of the General Court are cordially invited to use the facilities for the children of their areas. If we have advance notice, we can arrange to exhibit documents relating to their locality, for instance the original charter or act of incorporation of a particular town or city.

#### CENTENNIAL AND BI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

It has also been found that towns and cities celebrating centennials and bi-centennials have not always been aware of what the Archives could provide for them in the way of photo-reproduced exhibit material relating to the origin and early history of the place. Such possibilities are being brought to the attention of local authorities. Likewise, a listing of the general scope of the Archives is being prepared, so that persons using them for the first time will be able to know what is available.

#### PHOTOSTAT SECTION

The photostat section continues to give service to the General Court by making authentic copies of draft legislation before it is submitted for signature and of enacted laws and resolves after they have been signed. This provides both houses with essential working records and allows the quick printing of the session laws. This year 628 Acts and 127 Resolves were photostatted and later microfilmed.

#### OUTLOOK

The Archives Division now has the basic physical equipment needed, although as the flow of documents continues, more space and storage equipment will be needed. The urgent need now is for professionally trained staff. Capable people are hard to find for the salaries we have to offer. If we can surmount this difficulty, Massachusetts can look forward to having an Archives second to none in the United States.

## CENSUS DIVISION

The population of Massachusetts as determined by the Federal census of 1960 was 5,148,578 as of April 1, 1961. This represents a gain of 458,064, or 9.8 per cent, over the 4,690,514 inhabitants of the state in 1950.

The booklet, "The Population of Massachusetts as Determined by the Eighteenth Census of the United States," is in preparation and will contain twelve tables showing the population of the state at each census from 1765 to 1960, the population at each census since 1875 by groups showing the increasing concentration in cities and towns of 5,000 and 25,000 inhabitants, the population of cities and towns in 1950 and 1960 arranged alphabetically, the population of counties in 1960 arranged alphabetically, the population of cities by wards in 1960, the population of each city and town at each census since 1930 arranged by counties, the population of judicial districts by cities and towns, and the population of congressional districts.

Some of the tables produced by the United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, are included in the appendix of this report for easy reference. The complete report, mentioned above, will be available at our Public Documents office, Room 116, State House.

*For population tables see Appendix, page 22.*

## COMMISSIONS DIVISION

### COMMISSIONS

Commissions are agencies of the commonwealth created by statutory enactment to carry on some specific work. While in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts there are twenty departments including four constitutional officers, there are over two hundred other agencies either directly under the Governor and the Executive Council, independent agencies, independent boards, authorities, municipal agencies and county agencies, appointments to which are concentrated in the Commissions Division of this Department.

Not only is it our responsibility to record accurately the changes in the existing agencies, but, also the organization of new boards and commissions, whether they be permanent or temporary.

### JUDICIAL SYSTEM

In addition to the governmental agencies, the complete organization of the judicial system of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is recorded in this division. Included also, are the recordings of the elections of the clerks of the Superior Court, sheriffs, district attorneys, and registers of probate and insolvency, together with any assistants that they might appoint. The qualification oaths required under these appointments are for the most part administered in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and numbered 5,000 during the last fiscal year.

### NEW COMMISSIONS

Among the new commissions established during the last fiscal year was the Sport Parachuting Commission, which was established under the provisions of Chapter 527, Acts of 1960, for the purpose of extending to the parachutists of the world at the World Parachuting Championship in Bulgaria the official invitation of the Commonwealth to hold the Sixth World Parachuting Championship at the Orange Municipal Airport in 1962. This provided for the appointment of the three members of the Commission and an Advisory Council of ten.

The Southeastern Massachusetts Technological Institute was created to provide an engineering and technological institute to assist in the diversification of industries in southeastern Massachusetts and strengthen the present industries in that area. This will provide for the orderly consolidation and integration of Bradford Durfee College of Technology and New Bedford Institute of Technology into the Southeastern Massachusetts Technological Institute. This provided for the appointment of fifteen trustees.

The Government Center Commission was established to provide for the consolidation of various state departments, commissions and agencies in an official state office building. This act provided for the appointment of three persons by His Excellency the Governor.

The University of Massachusetts Building Authority was established under the provisions of Chapter 773 of the Acts of 1960 for the purpose of constructing, re-constructing, equipping, maintaining and repairing dormitories, dining commons and other buildings and structures for the use of the University, its students, staff and their dependents.



## COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Under the provisions of Section 27 of Chapter 15 of the General Laws, as inserted by Chapter 605 of the Acts of 1958, and amended by Chapter 403 of the Acts of 1960, the following Community Colleges were established and Advisory Boards of ten members were named by His Excellency the Governor.

- Cape Cod Community College in Hyannis
- Berkshire Community College in Pittsfield
- Massachusetts Bay Community College in Boston
- Connecticut Valley Community College
- Worcester Community College
- Haverhill Community College

An Executive Committee for Educational Television was established in the Department of Education and twelve members were appointed by the Board of Education with the advice of the Commissioner to coordinate and administer Educational Television Programs.

*For commissions issued see Appendix, page 28.*

## CORPORATIONS DIVISION

During the past fiscal year important progress was made in two areas of our operation. First, in the matter of furnishing certified copies of corporation records to members of the legal profession and others, we have at last succeeded in putting this service on a current basis, whereas previously there was a waiting period of several weeks. This has been accomplished by obtaining electronic copying equipment of the latest design to replace the slow photostat process of the past. The increased volume of work being handled is resulting in an upswing in fees being collected, as well as in much improved relations with those who use our services.

Another significant accomplishment has been the breaking of a backlog in the issuing of charters. For many years there has been a waiting period of five or six months due to the volume of business and the shortage of help. We have been able to eliminate this delay and to issue charters promptly.

### NEW PROJECTS

During the next fiscal year we plan to launch a concerted drive to collect delinquent fees and to clear the records of thousands of defunct corporations. A very great number of corporations have not filed certificates of condition or annual reports for many years. Some of these have ceased to operate and will be dissolved according to law. Those which are still functioning will be asked to pay the fees which are due. This should result in a very substantial increase of revenue for the Corporations Division.

### OUTLOOK

The prospects for the Corporations Division look bright. We feel confident of excellent relations with the business and legal community as a result of prompt and improved service, and we look forward to reaching the two million dollar mark in total revenue, a new high, during the next fiscal year.

*For corporation statistics see Appendix, page 30.*

## ELECTIONS DIVISION

The Elections Division makes a separate annual report which is published as Public Document No. 43, ELECTION STATISTICS. Anyone seeking detailed information relative to the elections of 1960 will find this volume of great value. Copies are available in our Public Documents office in Room 116, State House.

The Secretary, through his Elections Division, exercises supervision over all election procedures relating to state or national offices. This includes everything from the handling of nomination papers—through the printing of the ballots—to the final filing of campaign expenditures under the corrupt practices act. It also involves the filing of political committees and the arranging of initiative petitions, referenda, and local questions on the ballot.

Some idea of the volume of detail may be gained from the fact that in the presidential primary of 1960 a total of 24,343 candidates appeared on the ballot—over 12,000 of each major political party. Each of these required a separate file and individual attention.

### NEW LEGISLATION

The present Secretary intends to take the lead in sponsoring new legislation not only to expedite the elective process but also to safeguard the principles upon which free elections are based. To this end he has met with city and town clerks throughout the commonwealth to get their suggestions about the practical problems connected with the actual running of elections, and he has met with leaders of the academic, legal, and business world to find solutions to the more abstract and ethical problems relating to elections. In this latter area he is sponsoring legislation to bring about more equitable and constructive procedures with regard to the controlling and reporting of campaign expenditures.

### OUTLOOK

The Elections Division, with the help of the Legislature which grants the necessary funds, looks forward with confidence to the elections of 1962. If plans to redistrict the state for congressional elections should fail, many new problems will present themselves, but these have been taken into consideration in the planning.

## LEGISLATIVE ENGROSSING DIVISION

The problems of legislative engrossing have been studied by the Secretary of State and his staff. In this connection the plan for handling bills as set forth in the "Report of the Legislative Research Council Relative to Electronic Equipment to Facilitate Legislative Procedures," Senate 480, pp. 32-34, is being carefully considered. This plan seems to hold promise of expediting not only the engrossing procedure but the entire legislative printing process. However, the adoption of this plan will require the cooperation of several offices outside our department, and until it is put into effect in its entirety, it cannot help us in our legislative engrossing. We intend to pursue the matter to a satisfactory conclusion and to take the initiative in implementing the recommendations which are implicit in the report of the Legislative Research Council.

In the meantime, everything possible is being done to speed and facilitate the engrossing procedures. A brief explanation of what those procedures are, might make for a better understanding of what happens to a bill between the time it enters our engrossing office and the time it emerges again, ready for final enactment.

First, a printer's copy is made, embodying all the changes which have been made in the original document in the course of its passage through the legislature. After this has been proofread, it is typed on special parchment with typewriters which simulate script. This final copy must be absolutely accurate, since it is to become the official copy of the law, and it is, therefore, carefully proofread against the original. Finally, it is photostatted to produce needed copies and returned to the legislature for enactment. All of this work is done by experienced personnel who have been chosen for their speed and accuracy, and every means has been used to minimize the time element.

The final stages of the legislative session immediately preceding prorogation put our engrossing personnel to a most severe test. Obviously, the legislature cannot prorogue until the last act is passed, engrossed, and enacted. This means that in the final hours a flood of legislation comes into our office, and that the legislature must wait while our people process it. Even at top speed this takes time. In the last session our clerks worked for thirty-two consecutive hours on this exacting work without any extended relief in order to get the work done. These employees perform an invaluable service to the commonwealth.

We look forward to an eventual streamlining of the entire process of legislative printing and are working toward that end. Meanwhile, under the present system we are using the best available equipment and the most expert personnel to do the job.



## PUBLIC DOCUMENT DIVISION

The Public Document Division, under the direction of Mr. Edward J. Kelley, Supervisor of Public Documents, has given the commonwealth very efficient service in the handling, sale, and distribution of official state publications.

During the fiscal year of 1961, the following publications were received for distribution:

### ANNUAL REPORTS

Twenty-three reports of the several state departments, boards, and commissions—22,493 copies.

### LAWS

Bound edition of the Acts and Resolves of 1960, commonly called the "Blue Book"—7,800 copies.

Pamphlet edition of the Acts and Resolves of 1960—6,500 copies.

Supplement to the Laws Relating to Insurance—1960—5,015 copies.

### VETERANS PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Fifty-Ninth Annual Encampment, United Spanish War Veterans, Department of Massachusetts, 1958—610 copies.

Proceedings of the Forty-First Annual Convention, American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1959—1,000 copies.

Proceedings of the Forty-Second Annual Convention, American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, 1960—1,018 copies.

Proceedings of the Thirty-Ninth Annual Encampment, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Department of Massachusetts, 1959—750 copies.

Proceedings of the Thirty-Eighth Annual Convention, Disabled American Veterans of the World War, Department of Massachusetts, 1959—606 copies.

Proceedings of the Twenty-Fourth Annual Convention, Italian-American World War Veterans of the United States, Inc., Department of Massachusetts, 1959—600 copies.

### JOURNALS AND MANUALS

Journal of the Senate, 1959 (from Sergeant-At-Arms)—600 copies.

Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Examinations for the Police Services, 1961 Edition—5,340 copies.

Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Entrance or Promotional Examinations in the Fire Service in Cities and Towns, Form 347, 1961 Edition—5,478 copies.

Supplement to the Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Promotional Examinations in the Fire Service in Cities and Towns, Form 347B, 1961 Edition—5,360 copies.

Civil Service Manual for the Instruction of Applicants for Examinations for Meter Reading and Water Inspection Service in the Cities and Towns, 1960 Edition—999 copies.

Manual for the General Court, 1961-1962—10,500 copies.

Journals of the House of Representatives, Vol. 33, Part 2, 1757—300 copies.

Massachusetts Reports, Vol. 338—475 copies.

Massachusetts Reports, Vol. 339—475 copies.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, 1960 Edition—2,780 copies.

Executive Council Report—on the return of votes for state officers, etc., 1960—140 copies.

Public Officers of Massachusetts, 1961-62—400 copies.

The sale of surplus volumes of the Massachusetts, Volumes 245 to 319 inclusive, as authorized by Chapter 57 of the Resolves of 1950, at a price of one dollar per copy, continues. During the fiscal year 1,350 copies were sold. Volumes 245 to 249 have been sold out as of this date.

## PUBLIC RECORDS DIVISION

The Supervisor of Public Records reports considerable increase in activity at the city and town levels in the public record field.

Many more inspection visits were made than in previous years. In many instances new storage space and new vaults were recommended for the safe-keeping of public records.

In order to clarify the confusion relative to the jurisdictional question of the responsibility for state records it has been decided to submit the question to the Attorney General. The law is not clear and Administration and Finance, as well as the Secretary's Department have some statutory obligations. This division intends to submit to Administration and Finance a proposal that they agree to submit the question to the Attorney General.

The division of Public Records is definitely interested in submitting a Records Management Program for consideration at the next legislative session.

### STANDARD RECORD INK

Approved standard record ink for use on public records in the departments and offices of the commonwealth and of the counties, cities, and towns in which such records are kept is furnished by this department, in accordance with General Laws (Ter. Ed.), chapter 66, section 2. Ink supplied to the departments and offices of the commonwealth is paid for by this department. Ink supplied to counties, cities, and towns is paid for by the county, city, or town.

Violations of section 4 of chapter 66, which forbids the use on public records of other than approved standard record ink have been observed and the offenders have been notified of such violations.

Offices in and near the State House may obtain ink at Room 340, State House. This will result in a saving on delivery charges and faster and more efficient service.

Mention is made here of a project under study to make the Standard Record Ink suitable for use in a ball point pen. Experiments are being tested. If the ink is satisfactory there will be a change in the directive forbidding the use of ball point pens. As of now ball point pens are still not to be used on public records.

### REPAIRING AND BINDING

In keeping with the policy of doing some binding in the department each year several volumes in the archives, vital statistics, and corporation divisions have been repaired and rebound.

### CARBON PAPER

Lists of approved carbon papers, the use of which is authorized by Chapter 310 of the Acts of 1950 are available in Room 136.

### TYPEWRITER RIBBONS

Lists of approved typewriter ribbons which have successfully passed the Fade-O-Meter test, are available in Room 136.

### STAMP PADS AND STAMP PAD INKS

Lists of approved brands of stamp pads and stamp pad inks are available in Room 136.

Purchasing agents and other interested persons of the various state departments, cities, and towns have been supplied with copies of the above mentioned lists.

### SAFES AND VAULTS

Specifications for construction of fireproof safes and vaults based on recommendations proposed by the National Fire Protection Association are on file in this division and may be obtained upon request.

On visiting several cities and towns recommendations were made to replace antiquated safes with new vaults to insure more security for the storage of valuable records, and it was noted that new doors have replaced the older types upon recommendation by this division.

There are, however, many towns which still have the old solid iron doors on the vaults. These have been condemned and the record custodian notified to take the necessary action to replace them with approved insulated doors.



## VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION

### ANNUAL REPORT

The Vital Statistics Division makes a separate annual report based upon the calendar year rather than upon the fiscal year. This report contains a wealth of statistical information relating to births, deaths, and marriages, and is published as Public Document No. 1, ANNUAL REPORT ON THE VITAL STATISTICS OF MASSACHUSETTS. It is available at our Public Documents Division, Room 116, State House.

### IMPROVED SERVICE

Service to the public in the matter of mailed-in requests for copies of vital records has been put on a current basis. Previously there had been a wait of several weeks, with second and third requests remaining unanswered. This situation was the result of inadequate staffing and existed despite the best efforts of capable people in the records section. The addition of some new clerks has solved the problem and has made for much improved public relations.

### MICROFILMING

A program of microfilming has been launched, and all vital records are being put on film for purposes of security and ease of storage. It is hoped that in the near future funds will be available to make possible the microfilming of all our old records. This could greatly simplify the problems of storing them and of making copies.

### INDEXING

A new approach to the indexing of the hundreds of thousands of vital records which flow into this office each year is being planned through the use of key-punching and tabulating equipment. This will make for greater efficiency by making the records more easily accessible.

## APPENDIX

### ANNUAL REPORTS

On or before the first Wednesday of December in each fiscal year every state officer, department, board or commission, which is required by law to file an annual report must deposit such report with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. The only exceptions are in the few cases where some other date is specifically provided by law for the filing of a report.

During 1960, pursuant to this requirement, the following officers, departments, boards and commissions, filed annual reports on or before the first Wednesday of December, 1960:—

Co-operative Banks and Savings and Loan Associations, Section A, 1960  
 Directory of Labor Organizations (Department of Labor and Industries), 1960  
 Massachusetts Water Resources Commission, 1960  
 Division of Fisheries and Game, 1960  
 Department of Public Health, 1960  
 Division of Registration, 1960  
 Board of Registration of Architects, 1960  
 Trustees, Metropolitan State Hospital, 1960  
 Trustees, Belchertown State School, 1960  
 Trustees, Walter E. Fernald State School, 1960  
 Appellate Tax Board, 1960  
 Department of the Auditor, 1960  
 State Examiners of Electricians, 1960  
 Board of Conciliation and Arbitration (Department of Labor and Industries), 1960  
 Department of the Treasurer and Receiver General, 1960  
 State Employees' Group Insurance Commission, 1960  
 Board of Registration in Chiropody (Podiatry), 1960  
 Board of Registration in Optometry, 1960  
 Department of Public Safety, 1960

Subsequent to the legal filing date, the following reports were received:—

Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section D, Trust Companies and Certain Other Financial Institutions, 1959  
 Statistics of County Finances (Department of Corporations and Taxation), 1959  
 Division of Insurance, Fire and Marine Business, Part 1, 1957  
 Division of Insurance, Life and Miscellaneous Business, Part 2, 1957  
 Division of Statistics (Department of Labor and Industries), 1959  
 Department of Public Utilities, 1959  
 University of Massachusetts, 1959  
 Division of Library Extension (Department of Education), 1959  
 Board of Probation, 1953 to 1957, inclusive  
 Police Commissioner for the City of Boston, 1959  
 Trustees, Monson State Hospital, 1959  
 Trustees, Westborough State Hospital, 1959  
 Trustees, Taunton State Hospital, 1959  
 Trustees, Northampton State Hospital, 1959  
 Trustees, Metropolitan State Hospital, 1959  
 Trustees, Grafton State Hospital, 1959  
 Trustees, Foxborough State Hospital, 1959  
 Trustees, Danvers State Hospital, 1959  
 Trustees, Massachusetts Mental Health Center, 1958  
 Trustees, Belchertown State School, 1959  
 Trustees, Myles Standish State School, 1959

Trustees, Wrentham State School, 1959  
 Trustees, Massachusetts Hospital School, 1960  
 Youth Service Board and Division of Youth Service, 1957  
 Board of Registration in Pharmacy, 1960  
 Health, Welfare and Retirement Trust Funds Board, 1960  
 Department of Agriculture, 1959  
 Board of Registration in Veterinary Medicine, 1960  
 Employment Security Division, 1959  
 Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission, 1960  
 Board of Dental Examiners, 1960  
 Board of Registration in Embalming and Funeral Directing, 1960  
 Division of the Blind (Department of Education), 1960  
 Division of Standards (Department of Labor and Industries), 1960  
 Purchasing Bureau (Commission on Administration and Finance), 1960  
 State Reclamation Board (Department of Agriculture), 1960  
 Department of Correction, Statistical Report, 1959  
 Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section B, Credit Unions, 1960  
 Comptroller's Bureau (Commission on Administration and Finance), 1960  
 Judicial Council of Massachusetts, 1960  
 Board of Registration of Certified Public Accountants, 1960  
 Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians, 1959  
 Board of Registration of Dispensing Opticians, 1960  
 Division of Industrial Safety (Department of Labor and Industries), 1960  
 Outdoor Advertising Division, 1960  
 Boston Arena Authority, 1960  
 Bureau of Loan Agencies (Division of Banks and Loan Agencies), 1959  
 Lowell Technological Institute, 1959-1960  
 New Bedford, Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority, 1960  
 Division on the Necessaries of Life (Department of Labor and Industries), 1960  
 Division of Banks and Loan Agencies, Section C, Savings Banks and Institutions for Savings, 1960  
 Executive Secretary, Supreme Judicial Court, 1960  
 Elections Statistics Report (Department of the Secretary of the Commonwealth), 1959  
 Trustees, Westborough State Hospital, 1942  
 Trustees, Westborough State Hospital, 1943  
 Trustees, Westborough State Hospital, 1944

## ARCHIVES STATISTICS

### COPIES OF RECORDS

During the past fiscal year the Archives Division has furnished photostatic or other copies to a total of 68,439 records of various types—legislative records, maps, plans, veterans' discharges, and corporation records.

### PERSONS REPRESENTING PETITIONERS FOR PARDONS, ETC.

Under General Laws, Chapter 127, Section 167, as amended, providing for the filing in the Secretary's office of a statement by persons who represent petitioners for pardons, paroles, commutations, or respites from sentences, 42 persons have so filed.

### LOYALTY OATHS

Under General Laws, Chapter 264, Section 14, providing for the taking of an oath by every person entering the service of the commonwealth and the filing of such oaths in the office of the Secretary, 20,169 such oaths have been received and filed.

## POPULATION OF MASSACHUSETTS CENSUS OF 1960

TABLE 1.—POPULATION OF COUNTIES, URBAN AND RURAL: 1960

(Percent not shown where less than 0.1)

COUNTY	URBAN				RURAL	
	TOTAL POPULATION	Total	Percent of Total Popula- tion	Urbanized Areas	Other Urban Territory	Total
THE STATE . . . . .	5,148,578	4,308,044	83.7	3,880,082	427,962	840,534
Barnstable . . . . .	70,286	11,793	16.8	—	11,793	58,493
Berkshire . . . . .	142,135	105,609	74.3	62,306	43,303	36,526
Bristol . . . . .	398,488	335,365	84.2	289,559	45,806	63,128
Dukes . . . . .	5,829	—	—	—	—	5,829
Essex . . . . .	568,831	516,138	90.7	458,592	57,546	52,693
Franklin . . . . .	54,864	22,995	41.9	—	22,995	31,869
Hampden . . . . .	429,353	373,492	87.0	366,522	6,970	55,861
Hampshire . . . . .	103,229	68,747	66.6	51,791	16,956	34,482
Middlesex . . . . .	1,238,742	1,063,744	85.9	1,015,414	48,330	174,998
Nantucket . . . . .	3,559	2,804	78.8	—	2,804	755
Norfolk . . . . .	510,256	442,291	86.7	421,507	20,784	67,965
Plymouth . . . . .	248,449	148,343	59.7	121,439	26,904	100,106
Suffolk . . . . .	791,329	791,329	100.0	791,329	—	—
Worcester . . . . .	583,228	425,394	72.9	301,623	123,771	157,834
						107,068
						733,466
						12,162
						4,161
						2,668
						3,909
						4,292
						5,728
						3,655
						2,339
						19,399
						755
						60,331
						89,705
						127,114



TABLE 2.—POPULATION OF COUNTIES, BY MINOR CIVIL DIVISIONS: 1960

("U" denotes an unincorporated place. Total population of a place located in 2 or more minor civil divisions appears in table 3)

County and Minor Civil Division	Population	County and Minor Civil Division	Population
<b>BARNSTABLE COUNTY</b>	<b>70,286</b>	<b>BRISTOL COUNTY — Con.</b>	
Barnstable Town	13,465	North Attleborough Town	14,777
Hyannis (U)	5,139	Norton Town	6,818
Osterville (U)	1,094	Norton (U)	1,501
Bourne Town	14,011	Raynham Town	4,150
Buzzards Bay (U)	2,170	Rehoboth Town	4,953
Brewster Town	1,236	Seekonk Town	8,399
Chatham Town	3,273	Somerset Town	12,196
Chatham (U)	1,479	Swansea Town	9,916
Dennis Town	3,727	Taunton City	41,132
Dennis Port (U)	1,271	Westport Town	6,641
Eastham Town	1,200	<b>DUKES COUNTY</b>	<b>5,829</b>
Falmouth Town	13,037	Chilmark Town	238
East Falmouth (U)	1,655	Edgartown Town	1,474
Falmouth (U)	3,308	Edgartown (U)	1,181
Harwich Town	3,747	Gay Head Town	103
Mashpee Town	867	Gosnold Town	66
Orleans Town	2,342	Oak Bluffs Town	1,419
Provincetown Town	3,389	Oak Bluffs (U)	1,027
Provincetown (U)	3,346	Tisbury Town	2,169
Sandwich Town	2,082	Vineyard Haven (U)	1,701
Sandwich (U)	1,099	West Tisbury Town	360
Truro Town	1,002	<b>ESSEX COUNTY</b>	<b>568,831</b>
Wellfleet Town	1,404	Amesbury Town	10,787
Yarmouth Town	5,504	Amesbury (U)	9,625
South Yarmouth (U)	2,029	Andover Town	15,878
West Yarmouth (U)	1,365	Beverly City	36,108
<b>BERKSHIRE COUNTY</b>	<b>142,135</b>	Boxford Town	2,010
Adams Town	12,391	Danvers Town	21,926
Adams (U)	11,949	Essex Town	2,238
Alford Town	256	Georgetown Town	3,755
Becket Town	770	Georgetown (U)	2,005
Cheshire Town	2,472	Gloucester City	25,789
Cheshire (U)	1,078	Groveland Town	3,297
Clarksburg Town	1,741	Hamilton Town	5,488
Dalton Town	6,436	Haverhill City	46,346
Egremont Town	895	Ipswich Town	8,544
Florida Town	569	Ipswich (U)	4,617
Great Barrington Town	6,624	Lawrence City	70,933
Great Barrington (U)	2,943	Lynn City	94,478
Housatonic (U)	1,370	Lynnfield Town	8,398
Hancock Town	455	Manchester Town	3,932
Hinsdale Town	1,414	Marblehead Town	18,521
Lanesborough Town	2,933	Merrimac Town	3,261
Lee Town	5,271	Methuen Town	28,114
Lee (U)	3,078	Middleton Town	3,718
Lenox Town	4,253	Nahant Town	3,960
Lenox (U)	1,713	Newbury Town	2,519
Monterey Town	480	Newburyport City	14,004
Mount Washington Town	34	North Andover Town	10,908
New Ashford Town	165	Peabody City	32,202
New Marlborough Town	1,083	Rockport Town	4,616
North Adams City	19,905	Pigeon Cove (U)	1,064
Otis Town	473	Rockport (U)	3,511
Peru Town	197	Rowley Town	2,783
Pittsfield City	57,879	Rowley (U)	1,223
Richmond Town	890	Salem City	39,211
Sandisfield Town	536	Salisbury Town	3,154
Savoy Town	277	Saugus Town	20,666
Sheffield Town	2,138	Swampscott Town	13,294
Stockbridge Town	2,161	Topsfield Town	3,351
Tyringham Town	197	Wenham Town	2,798
Washington Town	290	West Newbury Town	1,844
West Stockbridge Town	1,244	<b>FRANKLIN COUNTY</b>	<b>54,864</b>
Williamstown Town	7,322	Ashfield Town	1,131
Williamstown (U)	5,428	Bernardston Town	1,370
Windsor Town	384	Buckland Town	1,664
<b>BRISTOL COUNTY</b>	<b>398,488</b>	Shelburne Falls (U) (Part)	1,014
Acushnet Town	5,755	Charlmont Town	897
Attleboro City	27,118	Colrain Town	1,426
Berkley Town	1,609	Conway Town	875
Dartmouth Town	14,607	Deerfield Town	3,338
Dighton Town	3,769	South Deerfield (U)	1,253
North Dighton (U)	1,167	Erving Town	1,272
Easton Town	9,078	Millers Falls (U) (Part)	568
Fairhaven Town	14,339	Gill Town	1,203
Fall River City	99,942	Greenfield Town	17,690
Freetown Town	3,039	Greenfield (U)	14,389
Mansfield Town	7,773	Hawley Town	251
Mansfield (U)	4,674	Heath Town	304
New Bedford City	102,477	Leverett Town	914

TABLE 2.—POPULATION OF COUNTIES, BY MINOR CIVIL DIVISIONS: 1960—*Con.*

("U" denotes an unincorporated place. Total population of a place located in 2 or more minor civil divisions appears in table 3)

County and Minor Civil Division	Population	County and Minor Civil Division	Population
<b>FRANKLIN COUNTY — <i>Con.</i></b>		<b>MIDDLESEX COUNTY — <i>Con.</i></b>	
Leyden Town . . . . .	343	Belmont Town . . . . .	28,715
Monroe Town . . . . .	210	Billerica Town . . . . .	17,867
Montague Town . . . . .	7,836	Pinehurst (U) . . . . .	1,991
Millers Falls (U) (Part) . . . . .	631	Boxborough Town . . . . .	744
Turner Falls (U) . . . . .	4,917	Burlington Town . . . . .	12,852
New Salem Town . . . . .	397	Cambridge City . . . . .	107,716
Northfield Town . . . . .	2,320	Carlisle Town . . . . .	1,488
Northfield (U) . . . . .	1,179	Chelmsford Town . . . . .	15,130
Orange Town . . . . .	6,154	Concord Town . . . . .	12,517
Orange (U) . . . . .	3,689	Concord (U) . . . . .	3,188
Rowe Town . . . . .	231	West Concord (U) . . . . .	1,556
Shelburne Town . . . . .	1,739	Dracut Town . . . . .	13,674
Shelburne Falls (U) (Part) . . . . .	1,083	Dunstable Town . . . . .	824
Shutesbury Town . . . . .	265	Everett City . . . . .	43,544
Sunderland Town . . . . .	1,279	Framingham Town . . . . .	44,526
Warwick Town . . . . .	426	Groton Town . . . . .	3,904
Wendell Town . . . . .	292	Groton (U) . . . . .	1,178
Whately Town . . . . .	1,037	Holliston Town . . . . .	6,222
		Holliston (U) . . . . .	2,447
<b>HAMPDEN COUNTY . . . . .</b>		Hopkinton Town . . . . .	4,932
Agawam Town . . . . .	15,718	Hopkinton (U) . . . . .	2,754
Blandford Town . . . . .	636	Hudson Town . . . . .	9,666
Brimfield Town . . . . .	1,414	Hudson (U) . . . . .	7,897
Chester Town . . . . .	1,155	Lexington Town . . . . .	27,691
Chicopee City . . . . .	61,553	Lincoln Town . . . . .	5,613
East Longmeadow Town . . . . .	10,294	Littleton Town . . . . .	5,109
Granville Town . . . . .	874	Littleton Common (U) . . . . .	2,277
Hampden Town . . . . .	2,345	Lowell City . . . . .	92,107
Holland Town . . . . .	561	Malden City . . . . .	57,676
Holyoke City . . . . .	52,689	Marlborough City . . . . .	18,819
Longmeadow Town . . . . .	10,565	Maynard Town . . . . .	7,697
Ludlow Town . . . . .	13,805	Medford City . . . . .	64,971
Monson Town . . . . .	6,712	Melrose City . . . . .	29,619
Monson (U) . . . . .	2,413	Natick Town . . . . .	28,831
Montgomery Town . . . . .	333	Newton City . . . . .	92,384
Palmer Town . . . . .	10,358	North Reading Town . . . . .	8,331
Palmer (U) . . . . .	3,888	Pepperell Town . . . . .	4,336
Three Rivers (U) . . . . .	3,082	Reading Town . . . . .	19,259
Russell Town . . . . .	1,366	Sherborn Town . . . . .	1,806
Southwick Town . . . . .	5,139	Shirley Town . . . . .	5,202
Southwick (U) . . . . .	1,242	Shirley (U) . . . . .	1,762
Springfield City . . . . .	174,463	Somerville City . . . . .	94,697
Tolland Town . . . . .	101	Stonham Town . . . . .	17,821
Wales Town . . . . .	659	Stow Town . . . . .	2,573
Westfield City . . . . .	26,302	Sudbury Town . . . . .	7,447
West Springfield Town . . . . .	24,924	Tewksbury Town . . . . .	15,902
Wilbraham Town . . . . .	7,387	Silver Lake (U) (Part) . . . . .	2,109
		Tewksbury (U) . . . . .	1,151
<b>HAMPSHIRE COUNTY . . . . .</b>		Townsend Town . . . . .	3,650
Amherst Town . . . . .	13,718	Townsend Center (U) . . . . .	1,101
Amherst (U) . . . . .	10,306	Tyngsborough Town . . . . .	3,302
North Amherst (U) . . . . .	1,009	Wakefield Town . . . . .	24,295
Belchertown Town . . . . .	5,186	Waltham City . . . . .	55,413
Chesterfield Town . . . . .	556	Watertown Town . . . . .	39,092
Cummington Town . . . . .	550	Wayland Town . . . . .	10,444
Easthampton Town . . . . .	12,326	Westford Town . . . . .	6,261
Goshen Town . . . . .	385	Forge Village (U) . . . . .	1,191
Granby Town . . . . .	4,221	Nabnasset (U) . . . . .	1,381
Hadley Town . . . . .	3,099	Weston Town . . . . .	8,261
Hatfield Town . . . . .	2,350	Wilmington Town . . . . .	12,475
Hatfield (U) . . . . .	1,330	Silver Lake (U) (Part) . . . . .	2,545
Huntington Town . . . . .	1,392	Wilmington (U) . . . . .	2,250
Middlefield Town . . . . .	315	Winchester Town . . . . .	19,376
Northampton City . . . . .	30,058	Woburn City . . . . .	31,214
Pelham Town . . . . .	805		
Plainfield Town . . . . .	237	<b>NANTUCKET COUNTY . . . . .</b>	
Southampton Town . . . . .	2,192	Nantucket Town . . . . .	3,559
South Hadley Town . . . . .	14,956	Nantucket (U) . . . . .	2,804
Ware Town . . . . .	7,517		
Ware (U) . . . . .	6,650	<b>NORFOLK COUNTY . . . . .</b>	
Westhampton Town . . . . .	583	Avon Town . . . . .	4,301
Williamsburg Town . . . . .	2,186	Bellingham Town . . . . .	6,774
Worthington Town . . . . .	597	Braintree Town . . . . .	31,069
		Brookline Town . . . . .	54,044
<b>MIDDLESEX COUNTY . . . . .</b>		Canton Town . . . . .	12,771
Acton Town . . . . .	7,238	Cohasset Town . . . . .	5,840
South Acton (U) . . . . .	1,114	Cohasset (U) . . . . .	2,748
Arlington Town . . . . .	49,953	Dedham Town . . . . .	23,869
Ashby Town . . . . .	1,883	Dover Town . . . . .	2,846
Ashland Town . . . . .	7,779	Foxborough Town . . . . .	10,136
Ayer Town . . . . .	14,927	Foxborough (U) . . . . .	3,169
Ayer (U) . . . . .	3,323	Franklin Town . . . . .	10,530
Bedford Town . . . . .	10,969	Franklin (U) . . . . .	6,391
		Holbrook Town . . . . .	10,104

TABLE 2.—POPULATION OF COUNTIES, BY MINOR CIVIL DIVISIONS: 1960—*Con.*

("U" denotes an unincorporated place. Total population of a place located in 2 or more minor civil divisions appears in table 3)

County and Minor Civil Division	Population	County and Minor Civil Division	Population
<b>NORFOLK COUNTY — <i>Con.</i></b>		<b>WORCESTER COUNTY — <i>Con.</i></b>	
Medfield Town . . . . .	6,021	Charlton Town . . . . .	3,685
Medfield (U) . . . . .	2,424	Clinton Town . . . . .	12,848
Medway Town . . . . .	5,168	Douglas Town . . . . .	2,559
Medway (U) . . . . .	1,602	East Douglas (U) . . . . .	1,695
West Medway (U) . . . . .	1,818	Dudley Town . . . . .	6,510
Millis Town . . . . .	4,374	Merino Village (U) . . . . .	3,099
Millis-Chicquot (U) . . . . .	2,588	East Brookfield Town . . . . .	1,533
Milton Town . . . . .	26,375	East Brookfield (U) . . . . .	1,150
Needham Town . . . . .	25,793	Fitchburg City . . . . .	43,021
Norfolk Town . . . . .	3,471	Gardner City . . . . .	19,038
Norwood Town . . . . .	24,898	Grafton Town . . . . .	10,627
Plainville Town . . . . .	3,810	Farnumsville (U) . . . . .	1,041
Quincy City . . . . .	87,409	Hardwick Town . . . . .	2,340
Randolph Town . . . . .	18,900	Gilbertville (U) . . . . .	1,202
Sharon Town . . . . .	10,070	Harvard Town . . . . .	2,563
Sharon (U) . . . . .	5,888	Holden Town . . . . .	10,117
Stoughton Town . . . . .	16,328	Holden (U) . . . . .	1,704
Walpole Town . . . . .	14,068	Hopedale Town . . . . .	3,987
Wellesley Town . . . . .	26,071	Hopedale (U) . . . . .	2,904
Westwood Town . . . . .	10,354	Hubbardston Town . . . . .	1,217
Weymouth Town . . . . .	48,177	Lancaster Town . . . . .	3,958
Wrentham Town . . . . .	6,685	South Lancaster (U) . . . . .	1,891
Wrentham (U) . . . . .	1,790	Leicester Town . . . . .	8,177
<b>PLYMOUTH COUNTY</b>	<b>248,449</b>	Leicester (U) . . . . .	1,750
Abington Town . . . . .	10,607	Rochdale (U) . . . . .	1,058
Bridgewater Town . . . . .	10,276	Leominster City . . . . .	27,929
Bridgewater (U) . . . . .	4,296	Lunenburg Town . . . . .	6,334
Brockton City . . . . .	72,813	Mendon Town . . . . .	2,068
Carver Town . . . . .	1,949	Milford Town . . . . .	15,749
Duxbury Town . . . . .	4,727	Milford (U) . . . . .	13,722
Duxbury (U) . . . . .	1,069	Millbury Town . . . . .	9,623
East Bridgewater Town . . . . .	6,139	Millville Town . . . . .	1,567
Halifax Town . . . . .	1,599	Millville (U) . . . . .	1,141
Hanover Town . . . . .	5,923	New Braintree Town . . . . .	509
Hanson Town . . . . .	4,370	Northborough Town . . . . .	6,687
Hingham Town . . . . .	15,378	Northborough (U) . . . . .	2,516
Hull Town . . . . .	7,055	Northbridge Town . . . . .	10,800
Kingston Town . . . . .	4,302	Northbridge (U) . . . . .	2,128
Kingston (U) . . . . .	1,301	Whitinsville (U) . . . . .	5,102
Lakeville Town . . . . .	3,209	North Brookfield Town . . . . .	3,616
Marion Town . . . . .	2,881	North Brookfield (U) . . . . .	2,615
Marion (U) . . . . .	1,160	Oakham Town . . . . .	524
Marshfield Town . . . . .	6,748	Oxford Town . . . . .	9,282
Mattapoisett Town . . . . .	3,117	North Oxford (U) . . . . .	1,466
Mattapoisett (U) . . . . .	1,640	Oxford (U) . . . . .	6,985
Middleborough Town . . . . .	11,065	Paxton Town . . . . .	2,399
Middleborough (U) . . . . .	6,003	Petersham Town . . . . .	890
Norwell Town . . . . .	5,207	Phillipston Town . . . . .	695
Pembroke Town . . . . .	4,919	Princeton Town . . . . .	1,360
Plymouth Town . . . . .	14,445	Royalston Town . . . . .	800
North Plymouth (U) . . . . .	3,467	Rutland Town . . . . .	3,253
Plymouth (U) . . . . .	6,488	Rutland (U) . . . . .	1,774
Plympton Town . . . . .	821	Shrewsbury Town . . . . .	16,622
Rochester Town . . . . .	1,559	Southborough Town . . . . .	3,996
Rockland Town . . . . .	13,119	Southborough (U) . . . . .	1,114
Scituate Town . . . . .	11,214	Southbridge Town . . . . .	16,523
North Scituate (U) . . . . .	3,421	Southbridge (U) . . . . .	15,889
Scituate (U) . . . . .	3,229	Spencer Town . . . . .	7,838
Shore Acres-Sand Hill (U) . . . . .	1,778	Spencer (U) . . . . .	5,593
Wareham Town . . . . .	9,461	Sterling Town . . . . .	3,193
Onset (U) . . . . .	1,714	Sturbridge Town . . . . .	3,604
Wareham-Wareham Center (U) . . . . .	1,739	Sutton Town . . . . .	3,638
West Bridgewater Town . . . . .	5,061	Templeton Town . . . . .	5,371
Whitman Town . . . . .	10,485	Baldwinville (U) . . . . .	1,631
<b>SUFFOLK COUNTY</b>	<b>791,329</b>	Upton Town . . . . .	3,127
Boston City . . . . .	697,197	Upton-West Upton (U) . . . . .	1,991
Chelsea City . . . . .	33,749	Uxbridge Town . . . . .	7,789
Revere City . . . . .	40,080	North Uxbridge (U) . . . . .	1,882
Winthrop Town . . . . .	20,303	Uxbridge (U) . . . . .	3,377
<b>WORCESTER COUNTY</b>	<b>583,228</b>	Warren Town . . . . .	3,383
Ashburnham Town . . . . .	2,758	Warren (U) . . . . .	1,616
Athol Town . . . . .	11,637	West Warren (U) . . . . .	1,124
Athol (U) . . . . .	10,161	Webster Town . . . . .	13,680
Auburn Town . . . . .	14,047	Webster (U) . . . . .	12,072
Barre Town . . . . .	3,479	Westborough Town . . . . .	9,599
Barre (U) . . . . .	1,065	Westborough (U) . . . . .	4,011
Berlin Town . . . . .	1,742	West Boylston Town . . . . .	5,526
Blackstone Town . . . . .	5,130	West Brookfield Town . . . . .	2,053
Bolton Town . . . . .	1,264	West Brookfield (U) . . . . .	1,250
Boylston Town . . . . .	2,367	Westminster Town . . . . .	4,022
Brookfield Town . . . . .	1,751	Westminster (U) . . . . .	1,047
		Winchendon Town . . . . .	6,237
		Winchendon (U) . . . . .	3,839
		Worcester City . . . . .	186,587



TABLE 3.—POPULATION OF ALL INCORPORATED PLACES AND OF UNINCORPORATED PLACES OF 1,000 OR MORE: 1960

("U" denotes an unincorporated place; "UT", an urban town. Asterisk (\*) denotes an incorporated place under 2,500 located in an urbanized area)

Place	Population	Place	Population
Adams (U)	11,949	Lynn	94,478
Amesbury (U)	9,625	Malden	57,676
Amherst (U)	10,306	Mansfield (U)	4,674
Arlington (UT)	49,953	Marblehead (UT)	18,521
Athol (U)	10,161	Marion (U)	1,160
Attleboro	27,118	Marlborough	18,819
Ayer (U)	3,323	Mattapoisett (U)	1,640
Baldwinville (U)	1,631	Maynard (UT)	7,695
Barre (U)	1,065	Medfield (U)	2,424
Belmont (UT)	28,715	Medford	64,971
Beverly	36,108	Medway (U)	1,602
Boston	697,197	Melrose	29,619
Braintree (UT)	31,069	Merino Village (U)	3,099
Bridgewater (U)	4,296	Methuen (UT)	28,114
Brockton	72,813	Middleborough (U)	6,003
Brookline (UT)	54,044	Milford (U)	13,722
Buzzards Bay (U)	2,170	Millers Falls (U)	1,199
Cambridge	107,716	Millis-Clicquot (U)	2,588
Chatham (U)	1,479	Millville (U)	1,141
Chelsea	33,749	Milton (UT)	26,375
Cheshire (U)	1,078	Monson (U)	2,413
Chicopee	61,553	Nabnasset (U)	1,381
Clinton (UT)	12,848	Nahant (UT)	3,960
Cohasset (U)	2,748	Nantucket (U)	2,804
Concord (U)	3,188	Natick (UT)	28,831
Danvers (UT)	21,926	Needham (UT)	25,793
Dedham (UT)	23,869	New Bedford	102,477
Dennis Port (U)	1,271	Newburyport	14,004
Duxbury (U)	1,069	Newton	92,384
East Brookfield (U)	1,150	North Adams	19,905
East Douglas (U)	1,695	North Amherst (U)	1,009
East Falmouth (U)	1,655	Northampton	30,058
Edgartown (U)	1,181	Northborough (U)	2,516
Everett	43,544	Northbridge (U)	2,128
Fall River	99,942	North Brookfield (U)	2,615
Falmouth (U)	3,308	North Dighton (U)	1,167
Farnumsville (U)	1,041	Northfield (U)	1,179
Fitchburg	43,021	North Oxford (U)	1,466
Forge Village (U)	1,191	North Plymouth (U)	3,467
Foxborough (U)	3,169	North Scituate (U)	3,421
Framingham (UT)	44,526	North Uxbridge (U)	1,882
Franklin (U)	6,391	Norton (U)	1,501
Gardner	19,038	Norwood (UT)	24,898
Georgetown (U)	2,005	Oak Bluffs (U)	1,027
Gilbertville (U)	1,202	Onset (U)	1,714
Gloucester	25,789	Orange (U)	3,689
Great Barrington (U)	2,943	Osterville (U)	1,094
Greenfield (U)	14,389	Oxford (U)	6,985
Groton (U)	1,178	Palmer (U)	3,888
Hatfield (U)	1,330	Peabody	32,202
Haverhill	46,346	Pigeon Cove (U)	1,064
Holden (U)	1,704	Pinehurst (U)	1,991
Holliston (U)	2,447	Pittsfield	57,879
Holyoke	52,689	Plymouth (U)	6,488
Hopedale (U)	2,904	Provincetown (U)	3,346
Hopkinton (U)	2,754	Quincy	87,409
Housatonic (U)	1,370	Randolph (UT)	18,900
Hudson (U)	7,897	Reading (UT)	19,259
Hull (UT)	7,055	Revere	40,080
Hyannis (U)	5,139	Rochdale (U)	1,058
Ipswich (U)	4,617	Rockport (U)	3,511
Kingston (U)	1,301	Rowley (U)	1,223
Lawrence	70,933	Rutland (U)	1,774
Lee (U)	3,078	Salem	39,211
Leicester (U)	1,750	Sandwich (U)	1,099
Lenox (U)	1,713	Saugus (UT)	20,666
Leominster	27,929	Scituate (U)	3,229
Lexington (UT)	27,691	Sharon (U)	5,888
Littleton Common (U)	2,277	Shelburne Falls (U)	2,097
Lowell	92,107	Shirley (U)	1,762



TABLE 3.—POPULATION OF ALL INCORPORATED PLACES AND OF UNINCORPORATED PLACES OF 1,000 OR MORE: 1960—*Continued*

("U" denotes an unincorporated place; "UT", an urban town. Asterisk (\*) denotes an incorporated place under 2,500 located in an urbanized area)

Place	Population	Place	Population
Shore Acres-Sand Hill (U) . . . .	1,778	Ware (U) . . . . .	6,650
Silver Lake (U) . . . . .	4,654	Wareham-Wareham Center (U) . .	1,739
Somerset (UT) . . . . .	12,196	Warren (U) . . . . .	1,616
Somerville . . . . .	94,697	Watertown (UT) . . . . .	39,092
South Acton (U) . . . . .	1,114	Webster (U) . . . . .	12,072
Southborough (U) . . . . .	1,114	Wellesley (UT) . . . . .	26,071
Southbridge (U) . . . . .	15,889	Westborough (U) . . . . .	4,011
South Deerfield (U) . . . . .	1,253	West Brookfield (U) . . . . .	1,250
South Lancaster (U) . . . . .	1,891	West Concord (U) . . . . .	1,556
Southwick (U) . . . . .	1,242	Westfield . . . . .	26,302
South Yarmouth (U) . . . . .	2,029	West Medway (U) . . . . .	1,818
Spencer (U) . . . . .	5,593	Westminster (U) . . . . .	1,047
Springfield . . . . .	174,463	West Warren (U) . . . . .	1,124
Stoneham (UT) . . . . .	17,821	West Yarmouth (U) . . . . .	1,365
Swampscott (UT) . . . . .	13,294	Weymouth (UT) . . . . .	48,177
Taunton . . . . .	41,132	Whitinsville (U) . . . . .	5,102
Tewksbury (U) . . . . .	1,151	Whitman (UT) . . . . .	10,485
Three Rivers (U) . . . . .	3,082	Williamstown (U) . . . . .	5,428
Townsend Center (U) . . . . .	1,101	Wilmington (U) . . . . .	2,250
Turner Falls (U) . . . . .	4,917	Winchendon (U) . . . . .	3,839
Upton-West Upton (U) . . . . .	1,991	Winchester (UT) . . . . .	19,376
Uxbridge (U) . . . . .	3,377	Winthrop (UT) . . . . .	20,303
Vineyard Haven (U) . . . . .	1,701	Woburn . . . . .	31,214
Wakefield (UT) . . . . .	24,295	Worcester . . . . .	186,587
Waltham . . . . .	55,413	Wrentham (U) . . . . .	1,790

## COMMISSIONS ISSUED

Number of commissions engrossed and issued during the year ending June 30, 1961 was 6,950, of which 1,480 were without fee, and 294 became void by reason of the failure of the appointee to take out the commission or to take the required qualifying oaths.

The different classes were as follows:

Notaries Public .....	5,304
Justices of the Peace .....	126
Justices of the Peace designated to solemnize marriages .....	8
Justices of the Peace to issue Warrants and Take Bail .....	5
Associate Justices, Supreme Judicial Court .....	2
Associate Justices, Superior Court .....	4
Judge of Probate and Insolvency, Norfolk County .....	1
Special Judge of Probate and Insolvency, Hampshire County .....	1
Associate Justice, Municipal Court, City of Boston .....	1
Special Justices, Municipal Court, City of Boston .....	2
Justice, Municipal Court of the Roxbury District .....	1
Justice, District Court of Chicopee .....	1
Justice, District Court of Lee .....	1
Justice, District Court of Central Berkshire .....	1
Justice, District Court of Southern Berkshire .....	1
Justice, Fourth District Court of Berkshire .....	1
Justice, First District Court of Bristol .....	1
Justice, District Court of Dukes County .....	1
Special Justice, District Court of Lee .....	1
Special Justice, District Court of Hampshire .....	1
Special Justice, District Court of Franklin .....	1
Special Justice, First District Court of Bristol .....	1
Special Justice, District Court of Dukes County .....	1
Clerk, District Court of Newton .....	1
Clerk, East Boston District Court .....	1
Clerk, District Court of Leominster .....	1
Clerk, Third District Court of Eastern Middlesex .....	1
Clerk, Second District Court of Bristol .....	1
Masters in Chancery .....	30
Public Administrators .....	13
Members, Judicial Council .....	3
Medical Examiners .....	14
Associate Medical Examiners .....	17
Commissioner of Administration .....	1
Comptroller .....	1
Budget Commissioner .....	1
State Purchasing Agent .....	1
Commissioner, Department of Agriculture .....	1
Commissioners, Civil Service Commission .....	4
Commissioner, Metropolitan District Commission .....	1
Commissioners, Department of Public Utilities .....	3
Commissioner, Department of Public Works .....	1
Commissioners, Massachusetts Maritime Academy .....	2
Associate Commissioners, Metropolitan District Commission .....	2
Associate Commissioner, Department of Public Works .....	1
Associate Commissioner, Department of Labor and Industries .....	1
Adjutant General .....	1
Managers, South Shore Transportation District .....	5
Supervisor of Standards of Railroad Services .....	1
Members, Appellate Tax Board .....	2
Members, Board of Registration .....	28
Member, Tax Commission .....	1

Advisory Council on Hospital Surveys and Construction Planning .....	12
Trustees, Agricultural Schools .....	3
Members, Boards of Registration .....	28
Members, Finance Commission, City of Boston .....	3
Trustees, State Library .....	2
Members, State Ballot Law Commission .....	2
Members, Public Health Council .....	2
Members, Merrimack River Valley Sewerage Board .....	2
Member, Board of Excise, City of Chelsea .....	1
Member, Licensing Board, City of Boston .....	1
Commissioners on Firemen's Relief .....	2
Trustees, General Insurance Guaranty Fund .....	2
Members, Art Commission .....	2
Pilot Commissioners .....	1
Members, Emergency Finance Board .....	2
Members, State Housing Board .....	5
Member, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission .....	1
Member, State Forestry Committee .....	1
Lay member, Approving Authority Board of Registration in Medicine ....	1
Member, New England Water Pollution Control Commission .....	1
Members, Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission .....	2
Members, Industrial Accident Board .....	3
Members, Advisory Committee on Service to Youth .....	7
Members, Massachusetts Turnpike Authority .....	3
Members, Massachusetts Highway Safety Committee .....	5
Members, Boston Arena Authority .....	3
Members, Mount Greylock Tramway Authority .....	2
Members, Advisory Committee, Division of Hospital Costs and Finances	4
Members, Government Center Commission .....	3
Members, State Soil Conservation Committee .....	2
Members, Advisory Board, Furniture and Bedding Inspection Section, Department of Public Health .....	8
Member, Massachusetts Port Authority .....	1
Member, Finance Advisory Board .....	1
Members, Sports Parachuting Commission and Advisory Council .....	13
Members, Board of Regional Community Colleges .....	6
Members, Advisory Boards, Regional Community Colleges .....	60
Members, Miscellaneous Boards and Commissions .....	395
Trustees, Mental Hospitals .....	35
Trustees, Southeastern Massachusetts Technological Institute .....	15
Director of Civil Defense .....	1
Members, University of Massachusetts Building Authority .....	9
Trustees, Miscellaneous Hospitals and Schools .....	58
Special State Police Officers .....	106
Commissioners to Qualify Public Officers .....	4
Commissions, non-resident clergymen .....	504
Public Warehouse licenses .....	19

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6,950

13,124 authenticating certificates were issued, of which 5,154 were for certificates, for which no fees are charged.

34 persons registered, as required, under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 30, Section 7B, and 2 persons paid penalty fees under Chapter 30.

The Housing Authorities and Redevelopment Authorities, organized under the provisions of Chapter 121 and 121A, as amended, receive certificates of organization after they have completed the filing of the various certificates re-

quired. Included is the recording of certificates of the appointment, election, resignation, or removal of the various members of such authorities. During the last fiscal year certificates of housing authority were issued to the towns of

- Concord
- Hadley
- Hamilton
- Hopedale
- Sandwich
- Yarmouth

Redevelopment authorities were established in

- Lowell
- New Bedford
- Stoneham
- Taunton
- Wayland

and certificates of organization were issued.

156 appointments to the various housing authorities were recorded and 23 appointments to the various redevelopment authorities were recorded.

230 certified copies of the organization, establishments, and present membership of these authorities were issued during the last fiscal year.

Under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 4, providing for the recording of an acceptance or rejection of certain statutes to be recorded in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, 235 of such acceptances and 14 rejections have been received, recorded and indexed. (See table, appendix, page 39.)

Under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 11, as inserted by Chapter 626, Acts of 1958, providing for the filing of notices of meetings of certain Boards in the office of the Secretary, 1,152 such notices have been received and filed.

Under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 207, commissions were issued to 504 clergymen and 798 notices were sent to city and town clerks.

Appointments to Recess and Special Commissions were received from His Excellency the Governor, President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives which were recorded and filed. Commissions were not issued, because all appointments were not completed and commissions were not activated.

CORPORATION STATISTICS

The total number of certificates of incorporation issued under General Laws to new corporations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961 was 5,513. Said certificates of incorporation are classified as follows:

Business corporations .....	5,068
Religious, charitable, social, etc. ....	405
Fraternal beneficiary .....	4
Churches .....	27
Credit unions .....	5
Banking organizations .....	3
Cemeteries .....	1
	<hr/> 5,513

The number of certificates of every description filed was 115,326. Said certificates are classified as follows:

Articles of organization as above .....	5,513
Incorporation by Special Act .....	1
Business amendments—includes increases, reductions, change of location, change of name, amendments and issues .....	2,216
Non-business changes of name .....	49
Amendments filed by religious, charitable, social organizations .....	39



P.D. 46	31
Fraternal benefit amendments	10
Consolidation by special act of corporations organized under Chap. 180	20
Gas & Electric company increases and amendments	12
Trust company increases	5
Insurance company increases and amendments	6
Payment of capital stock	1
Trust company consolidations	2
Bank certificate of increase	1
Business consolidations	28
Business mergers	5
Certificate of conditions	39,500
Social and corporation annual reports	4,175
Foreign increases	10
Foreign reductions	15
Foreign powers of attorney by person or partnership	10
Uniform Commercial Code	
Lien discharges	3
Financial statement filing	42,466
Termination statements	5,623
Requests for information and copies	207
Voluntary association trust reports	1,475
Trade-marks	245
Trade-mark renewals	49
Assignment of trademark	9
Limited partnerships	43
Approvals by Department of Public Utilities—includes Gas & Electric companies, railroad and street railways and water company approval	20
Contracts of railroad and street railway companies (releases)	3
Certificates of clerks of various courts relative to dissolution of corporations covering 923 corporations	13
Petition for surrender of charter and dissolution	1
Certificates of revival of corporations	61
Certificates of re-incorporation	2
Certificates of consent to change of location of social and athletic corporations	21
Disapproval of such change	4
Non-business charters declared void	2
Non-business charters withheld	6
Certified copies	11,406
Special certificates	1,752
Abstracts of papers on file	265
Exemplified copies	11
Uncertified copies	24

## EXECUTIVE ORDERS

1960-1961

### DATE ISSUED

NO. 36

Dec. 7, 1960 Makes positions in the state and municipal Civil Defense organizations subject to Civil Service Laws and rules.

NO. 37

Dec. 8, 1960 Fire mobilization districts established.

NO. 38

Mar. 20, 1961 Paragraphs 3B and 4 of Executive Order No. 36 amended.

NO. 39

May 1, 1961 Executive Order No. 36, as amended by Executive Order No. 38, terminated.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND AGENTS' EXPENSES

1960 Session of the General Court

In compliance with General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 3, sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relating to the filing of legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation, there were during or following the 1960 session of the General Court 301 entries made in the dockets, an increase of 42 as compared with 1959.

276 returns were received from persons, associations, or corporations employing legislative counsel or agent. 29 employers who failed to file returns within the time prescribed by law, 4 employers or their representatives who failed to register, and 4 returns which appeared to be irregular, have been reported to the Attorney General.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel or agents was \$317,-232.00. Of this amount \$46,550.00 represents annual salaries or retainers of regular employees apportioned; \$11,360.00 unapportioned, and \$259,322.00 payments in connection with legislation only. 13 employers stated they paid nothing.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND AGENTS' EXPENSES

1961 Session of the General Court

In compliance with General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 3, sections 39 to 50 inclusive, relating to the filing of legislative counsel and agents' expenses incurred or paid in connection with promoting or opposing legislation, there were during or following the 1961 session of the General Court 272 entries made in the dockets, a decrease of 29 as compared with 1960.

256 returns were received from persons, associations, or corporations employing legislative counsel or agent.

12 employers who failed to file returns within the time prescribed by law and 2 employers or their representatives who failed to register, have been reported to the Attorney General.

The total amount reported as paid to legislative counsel or agents was \$275,-058.15. Of this amount \$50,660.00 represents annual salaries or retainers apportioned; \$46,782.76 unapportioned; and \$177,615.39 payments in connection with legislation only. 17 employers stated they made no payment.

## LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

The following chapters of the acts of 1961, making changes in the General Laws, as they concern elections and governmental activities are noted for your information.

Chapter 109. Regulating the counting of votes for members of ward and town committees.

Chapter 145. Further regulating membership of state committees and requiring that members thereof elected from senatorial districts be residents of such districts.

Chapter 146. Providing for the submission of Plan F to the voters only at regular city elections.

Chapter 147. Providing for the disposition of ballots when a ballot box becomes full.

Chapter 213. Authorizing a licensed practical nurse to certify that a voter by reason of physical disability is unable to cast his vote in person.

Chapter 263. Extending the time for filing petitions for a recount in primaries and preliminary elections.

Chapter 288. Providing for supervision of election officers in towns which are not divided into precincts.

- Chapter 304. Repealing the provision of law requiring an election officer canvassing and counting votes to be under the inspection of an election officer of a different political party.
- Chapter 335. Prohibiting the moderator or a member of the board of selectmen of a town from acting as an election officer in certain primaries and in elections.
- Chapter 582. Relative to qualifications of certain absentee voters in presidential elections; permitting a voter who has not established residence in another state long enough to register, to vote for presidential elector only in Massachusetts.

#### PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS, RESPITES, REQUISITIONS, ETC.

The number of pardons issued during the year was 182; of which 166 were full and complete; 14 commutations; 1 respite; 1 unconditional discharge from the Bridgewater State Hospital.

There were 66 requisitions issued: of which 59 were upon other States; 6 upon the Secretary of Defense of the United States of America; 1 upon the Secretary of the Navy of the United States of America.

There were 22 warrants issued upon requisitions from other states

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## PROCLAMATIONS

The proclamations of His Excellency the Governor were printed and distributed under the direction of this office. For the observance of each of the following, 10,500 copies were distributed to churches, schools, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks:—Sight-Saving Month, Month of September, 1960; Commodore John Barry Day, September 13, 1960; Constitution Day, September 17, 1960; Senior Citizens Day, September 18, 1960; Employ the Handicapped Week, October 2-8, 1960; Pulaski Day, October 11, 1960; Columbus Day, October 12, 1960; United Nations Day, October 24, 1960; Veterans' Day, November 11, 1960; American Education Week, November 6-12, 1960; Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 1960; Disabled American Veterans' Hospital Day, December 4, 1960; Civil Rights Week, December 8-15, 1960; Army and Navy Union Day, December 10, 1960; New Orleans Day, January 8, 1961; American History Month, Month of February, 1961; Lincoln Day, February 12, 1961; Spanish War Memorial Day and Maine Memorial Day, February 15, 1961; Washington Day, February 22, 1961; Anniversary of Boston Massacre, March 5, 1961; Peter Francisco Day, March 15, 1961; Evacuation Day, March 17, 1961; Patriots' Day, April 19, 1961; Loyalty Day, May 1, 1961; Polish Constitution Day, May 3, 1961; Mothers' Day, May 14, 1961; Lafayette Day, May 20, 1961; Massachusetts Art Week, May 21-27, 1961; Memorial Day, May 30, 1961; Teachers' Day, June 4, 1961; Children's Day, June 11, 1961; Flag Day, June 14, 1961; Bunker Hill Day, June 17, 1961; and Fathers' Day, June 18, 1961.

July 2, 1960 was designated as Veteran Firemen's Muster Day, August 7, 1961 as Purple Heart Day, August 12, 1961 as Indian Day, August 26, 1961 as Susan B. Anthony Day and 6,500 copies of each proclamation were distributed to churches, institutions, patriotic societies, postmasters and city and town clerks.

Fire Prevention Week was designated to include the week of October 9-15, 1960 and 6,650 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the fire chiefs of the Commonwealth for churches, schools and post offices.

April 14, 1961 was set apart by His Excellency the Governor as Student Government Day, and 5,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were distributed to the schools.

For the observance of Arbor and Bird Day, April 28, 1961, 10,500 copies of the Governor's proclamation were mailed to churches, schools, granges, agricultural societies, institutions, postmasters and city and town clerks.

## EMERGENCY PROCLAMATIONS

A proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor on September 12, 1960, under the provisions of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950, and all acts in amendment thereof, proclaiming that a State of Emergency existed in the Commonwealth by reason of great harm and damage, resulting from the action of the wind, rain and extraordinary tides accompanying hurricane Donna, and urging all the people of the commonwealth to assist and cooperate with the duly constituted authorities in all measures taken to alleviate the flood and hurricane conditions.

On September 15, 1960, a proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor under the provisions of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950, and all acts in amendment thereof, stating that through the splendid efforts of municipal, county, state officials, and employees and hundreds of volunteers throughout the commonwealth and police, fire and private groups the damage done by hurricane Donna had been alleviated and that the state of emergency declared by His Excellency the Governor on September 12, 1960 is terminated.

On June 7, 1961, a proclamation was issued by His Excellency the Governor under the provisions of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950, and all acts in amendment thereof, proclaiming that a state of emergency existed in the Town of



Ayer, resulting from a disastrous fire that occurred on June 5, and authorizing the Civil Defense Agency and the Director thereof to take all steps and do all such things as the Governor might personally do if present, by virtue of said Chapter 639 to combat such emergency and the effects thereof.

PROCLAMATIONS NOT REQUIRED BY STATUTE

One hundred and seventeen (117) proclamations were issued by His Excellency the Governor to the press and filed in the Archives as follows:—Safe Boating Week, July 3-9, 1960; Miss Massachusetts Day, July 16, 1960; Captive Nations Week, July 17-23, 1960; Farm Safety Week, July 24-30, 1960; Employment Security Week, August 14-20, 1960; National Air Rally Week, August 29-September 5, 1960; National Wool Month, September, 1960; Union Label Week, September 5-11, 1960; National Child Safety Week, September 12-18, 1960; Drums Corps Week, September 12-18, 1960; General of the Armies John J. Pershing Centennial Day, September 13, 1960; Donnie Drive Month, September 18-October 18, 1960; Voter Registration Week, September 30-October 6, 1960; National Home Week, September 24-October 2, 1960; Parent Teacher Enrollment Month, October, 1960; National Business Women's Week, October 2-8, 1960; Prince Henry of Portugal Week, October 2-8, 1960; Child Health Day, October 3, 1960; Emergencies Don't Wait Week, October 8-14, 1960; Free China Week, October 9-15, 1960; Newspaperboy Day, October 15, 1960; Credit Union Day, October 20, 1960; Cleaner Air Week, October 23-29, 1960; Catholic Youth Week, October 30-November 6, 1960; Religion in American Life Month, November, 1960; Paderewski Centennial Day, November 6, 1960; NATO Week, November 13-19, 1960; Equal Opportunity Day, November 19, 1960; Know Your America Week, November 20-26, 1960; National Civil Defense Day, December 7, 1960; Human Rights Day, December 10, 1960; Alien Address Report Month, January, 1961; Cerebral Palsy Month, January, 1961; March of Dimes Month, January, 1961; George Washington Carver Day, January 5, 1961; Ukrainian Independence Day, January 22, 1961; Midwinter Baseball Week, January 22-28, 1961; Massachusetts General Hospital Week, January 29-February 4, 1961; American Music Month, February, 1961; Heart Month, February, 1961; MSPCA Membership Month, February, 1961; Children's Dental Health Week, February 5-11, 1961; National Electrical Week in Massachusetts, February 5-11, 1961; National Defense Week, February 12-22, 1961; Republic of Lithuania Day, February 16, 1961; Vocational Guidance Day, February 17, 1961; World Day of Prayer, February 17, 1961; Massachusetts Boat Show Week, February 17-25, 1961; Brotherhood Week, February 19-25, 1961; Engineer's Week, February 19-25, 1961; James Otis Day, February 24, 1961; Heart Sunday, February 26, 1961; Art Day, February 27, 1961; Leukemia Month, March, 1961; Weights and Measures Week, March 1-7, 1961; Easter Seal Month, March 2-April 2, 1961; "Presidents' Day," March 3, 1961; United States Power Squadrons' Day, March 4, 1961; Seabee Day, March 5, 1961; Jewish War Veterans Week, March 12-18, 1961; Child's Day for Youth Aliyah, March 19, 1961; Italian Week, March 19-25, 1961; National Wildlife Week, March 19-25, 1961; Teaching Taxes Week, March 19-25, 1961; Multiple Sclerosis Month, March 19-April 16, 1961; Greek Independence Day, March 25, 1961; Automatic Merchandising Month, April, 1961; Cancer Control Month, April, 1961; Civil War Centennial Month, April, 1961; Teen-age Drivers Courtesy and Safety Month, April, 1961; Bataan Day, April 9, 1961; Baseball Week, April 9-15, 1961; Pan American Week, April 9-15, 1961; Boy's Club Week, April 10-16, 1961; Pan American Day, April 14, 1961; Youth Temperance Education Week, April 6-22, 1961; Israel Independence Week, April 20-26, 1961; Armenian Folk Festival Day, April 23, 1961; Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra Day, April 23, 1961; Good Human Relations Week, April 23-29, 1961; Realtor Week, April 23-29, 1961; Secretaries Week, April 23-29, 1961; University of Massachusetts Open House Days, April 29 and 30, 1961; Women Veterans Day, April 30, 1961; Audubon Week, April 30-May 5, 1961; Mental Health Week, April 30-May 6, 1961; Home Improvement Month, May, 1961; Leukemia

Month, ALSAC, May, 1961; National Radio Month, May, 1961; Pal Month, May 1-31, 1961; Industry Day, May 1, 1961; Law Day, May 1, 1961; Be Kind to Animals Week, May 7-13, 1961; Goodwill Week, May 7-13, 1961; Soil Stewardship Week, May 7-13, 1961; United Synagogue Youth Week, May 7-13, 1961; The English High School Day, May 9, 1961; National Insurance Women's Day, May 10, 1961; Hire Now Campaign, May 11, 1961; Women's Army Corps Veterans Day, May 14, 1961; Girls' Club Week, May 14-20, 1961; Student of Nursing Day, May 16, 1961; National Defense Transportation Day, May 19, 1961; Commander John J. Shea Day, May 21, 1961; Family Recruitment Day, May 21, 1961; Highway Week, May 21-27, 1961; Vacation Planning Week, May 21-27, 1961; Salvation Army Week, May 21-27, 1961; Maritime Day, May 22, 1961; Armenian Independence Day, May 28, 1961; National Amusement Park Week, May 28-June 3, 1961; National Golf Week, May 29-June 6, 1961; Henrietta Szold Day, June 6, 1961; Firefighters' Memorial Sunday, June 11, 1961; Boston Taxi Industry Scholarship Fund Day, June 15, 1961; Ninth Massachusetts Infantry Day, June 18, 1961; Air Power Week, June 18-24, 1961.

## REFERENDUM

### Division of Elections

On February 17 and 21, 1961, 82,505 signatures were received pursuant to a petition under the provisions of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution, for the repeal of Chapter 783 of the Acts of 1960, entitled An Act Increasing the Salary of the Members of the General Court. The question to appear on the state election ballot November 6, 1962.

## RULES AND REGULATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS

By General Laws (Tercentenary Edition), Chapter 30, section 37, as amended by Chapter 556 of the Acts of 1951, certain rules and regulations of departments, commissions, boards or officials vested by law with the power to make and issue rules and regulations general in scope, shall not take effect until attested copies thereof have been filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Under this law, rules and regulations were filed by the following departments, boards and commissions during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1961:

1. Administration and Finance, Commission on  
     Commissioner, Office of  
     Division of Building Construction  
     Division of Hospital Costs and Finances
2. Agriculture, Department of  
     Division of Milk Control  
     Division of Plant Pest Control and Fairs
3. Banking and Insurance, Department of  
     Commissioner, Office of  
     Division of Insurance  
     Division of Banks and Loan Agencies
4. Civil Service and Registration, Department of  
     Board of Registration in Chiropractic
5. Discrimination, Massachusetts Commission Against
6. Education, Department of
7. Group Insurance, Commission
8. Health, Welfare and Retirement Trust Funds Board
9. Labor and Industries, Department of  
     Division of Employment Security  
     Division of Minimum Wage  
     Division of Standards
10. Massachusetts Turnpike Authority

11. Natural Resources, Department of  
Division of Fisheries and Game  
Division of Forest and Parks
12. Public Health, Department of  
Town of Brookline  
Town of Dennis
13. Public Safety, Department of  
Board of Fire Prevention Regulations  
Commissioner, Office of
14. Public Utilities, Department of  
Town of Needham
15. Public Welfare, Department of
16. Public Works, Department of  
Division of Motor Boats
17. State Racing Commission
18. Veterans' Services, Commissioner of

The following departments filed under the provisions of Section 6 of Chapter 30A of the General Laws, inserted by Section 1 of Chapter 681 of the Acts of 1954:

Labor and Industries, Department of  
Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission





The Following Are the  
RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION  
TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS  
OF THE GENERAL LAWS

ALSO

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION  
OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY  
THE GENERAL COURT

RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1960 July 5	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to borrow money for the purpose of constructing a new Cambridge city hospital building or buildings in said city and to equip and furnish the same (1960, 292)	June 27, 1960	1	
July 5	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act increasing the non-contributory pensions of certain school janitors and laborers in certain cities and towns (1960, 239)	June 27, 1960	1	
July 5	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act providing that the provisions of law pertaining to annuities to dependents of certain police officers and fire fighters killed in the performance of duty be applicable to the city of Pittsfield (1960, 461)	June 30, 1960	2	
July 6	Town Clerk, Spencer	An Act authorizing the town of Spencer to allow the use of its equipment with its operator or private property for certain purposes (1960, 13)	June 27, 1960	3	
July 12	City Clerk, Chicopee	An Act increasing the non-contributory pensions of certain school janitors and laborers in certain cities and towns (1960, 239)	July 5, 1960	4	
July 29	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act increasing the non-contributory pensions of certain school janitors and laborers in certain cities and towns (1960, 239)	July 25, 1960	1	
Aug. 8	City Clerk, Malden	An Act increasing the non-contributory pensions of certain school janitors and laborers in certain cities and towns (1960, 239)	Aug. 4, 1960	2	
Aug. 8	City Clerk, Revere	An Act increasing the non-contributory pensions of certain school janitors and laborers in certain cities and towns (1960, 239)	Aug. 1, 1960	1	
Aug. 11	City Clerk, Lawrence	An Act increasing the number of signatures of registered voters to be filed by candidates before their names shall be printed on ballots in preliminary elections in the city of Lawrence (1960, 103)	July 11, 1960	1	
Aug. 18	City Clerk, Boston	An Act authorizing pay-roll deductions on account of contributions to community chests or united funds in the case of certain town employees (1956, 489)	Aug. 16, 1960	2	
Aug. 18	City Clerk, Boston	An Act requiring owners of certain lands in the city of Boston to keep certain information on file with the building commissioner of said city (1960, 355)	Aug. 16, 1960	2	
Aug. 19	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act increasing the amount of pension of certain retired police officers and fire fighters who had not attained age sixty at the time of retirement (1960, 225)	Aug. 9, 1960	1	
Aug. 24	City Clerk, Chicopee	An Act authorizing the city of Chicopee to convey certain land in the Cooley Brook area in said city to the commonwealth and authorizing the department of natural resources to hold and develop said land for park and recreational purposes (1960, 516)	Aug. 23, 1960	4	
Sept. 1	City Clerk, Woburn	An Act increasing the non-contributory pensions of certain school janitors and laborers in certain cities and towns (1960, 239)	June 20, 1960	2	
Sept. 1	City Clerk, Pittsfield	An Act increasing the non-contributory pensions of certain school janitors and laborers in certain cities and towns (1960, 239)	June 30, 1960	2	
Sept. 26	Town Clerk, Shrewsbury	An Act providing that call members of the fire department in the town of Shrewsbury appointed hereafter shall not be subject to the civil service laws and rules (1960, 329)	Sept. 19, 1960	3	
Sept. 27	Town Clerk, Athol	An Act authorizing the town of Athol to sell certain land acquired for park purposes (1960, 363)	Sept. 19, 1960	3	
Sept. 29	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act increasing the amount of pension of certain retired police officers and fire fighters who had not attained age sixty at the time of retirement (1960, 225)	Sept. 26, 1960	1	

Oct. 13	City Clerk, Boston	An Act extending to additional streets in the city of Boston the applicability of the law relative to removing certain illegally parked vehicles from public ways in the downtown area of said city (1960, 499)	Oct.	11, 1960	2	
Oct. 18	City Clerk, New Bedford	An Act relative to the work days and hours of police matrons in the police department of the city of New Bedford (1949, 588)	Oct.	17, 1960	2	
Oct. 20	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1959, 493)	Oct.	17, 1960	1	
Oct. 20	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act increasing the non-contributory pensions of certain school janitors and laborers in certain cities and towns (1960, 239)	Oct.	17, 1960	1	
Oct. 20	City Clerk, Everett	An Act designating the swimming pool in Marine Corps League Park in the city of Everett as the Everett Allied Veterans Memorial Pool (1960, 338)	May	27, 1960	2	
Oct. 21	City Clerk, Boston	An Act protecting certain officers and employees in the Suffolk county jail against arbitrary removal (1960, 135)	Oct.	19, 1960	2	
Oct. 21	City Clerk, Boston	An Act establishing the minimum annual salary of police officers in the city of Boston (1960, 494)	Oct.	19, 1960	2	
Nov. 1	Town Clerk, Framingham	An Act authorizing the town of Framingham to appropriate money for the payment of, and to pay, a certain unpaid bill (1960, 408)	Oct.	26, 1960	3	
Nov. 23	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act allowing cities and towns to enter into collective bargaining agreements (1960, 561)	Nov.	10, 1960	4	
Nov. 25	City Clerk, Marlborough	An Act increasing the amount of pension of certain retired police officers and fire fighters who had not attained age sixty at the time of retirement (1960, 225)	Nov.	22, 1960	2	
Nov. 25	City Clerk, Westfield	An Act relative to assessment systems in cities and towns (1955, 649)	July	18, 1960	2	
Nov. 25	Town Clerk, Agawam	An Act relative to the time for the holding of the annual town election and town meeting in the town of Agawam (1960, 297)	Nov.	8, 1960	6,078	589
Nov. 25	Town Clerk, Agawam	An Act placing the office of the chief of the fire department of the town of Agawam under the civil service laws (1960, 241)	Nov.	8, 1960	5,385	1,429
Nov. 25	City Clerk, Attleboro	An Act establishing preliminary municipal elections in the city of Attleboro (1960, 281)	Nov.	8, 1960	7,403	2,822
Nov. 25	City Clerk, Brockton	An Act providing for party nominations for elective municipal officers in the city of Brockton (1960, 127)	Nov.	8, 1960	21,751	5,140
Nov. 25	Town Clerk, Brookline	An Act authorizing the submission to the voters of the town of Brookline of the question of increasing the weekly wage of certain fire department employees by a reclassification within the structure of the classification plan and the pay plan to grades three grades above those presently held by such employees (1960, 586)	Nov.	8, 1960	9,699	10,691
Nov. 25	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act providing for an increase in salaries for the mayor and board of aldermen in the city of Chelsea (1960, 538, s. 3)	Nov.	8, 1960	4,637	7,757
Nov. 25	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act providing for an increase in salaries for the mayor and board of aldermen in the city of Chelsea (1960, 538, s. 4)	Nov.	8, 1960	4,529	7,734
Nov. 25	Town Clerk, Dedham	An Act relative to the method of having certain measures voted by the representative town meeting of the town of Dedham submitted to the registered voters of said town (1960, 255)	Nov.	8, 1960	3,853	6,804
Nov. 25	City Clerk, Newton	An Act authorizing the submission to the voters of the city of Newton the question of increasing the salaries of and establishing a minimum annual salary for fire fighters, uniformed and non-uniformed members of the fire alarm division and motor maintenance personnel of said city (1960, 391, ss. 1 & 2)	Nov.	8, 1960	18,875	27,012
Nov. 25	City Clerk, Brockton	An Act to provide tenure of office until he attains age sixty-five for Joseph C. Wright, incumbent of the office of chief of police of the city of Brockton (1960, 364)	Nov.	8, 1960	20,226	9,447
Nov. 25	City Clerk, Quincy	An Act increasing the annual salaries of the mayor and councillors of the city of Quincy (1960, 500, s. 3)	Nov.	8, 1960	10,588	30,112
Nov. 25	City Clerk, Quincy	An Act increasing the annual salaries of the mayor and councillors of the city of Quincy (1960, 500, s. 4)	Nov.	8, 1960	11,898	28,652

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				Yes	No
1960					
Nov. 25	City Clerk, Salem	An Act establishing preliminary municipal elections in the city of Salem (1960, 445)	Nov. 8, 1960	11,226	5,012
Nov. 25	Town Clerk, Stoughton	An Act placing the offices and positions in the department of public works of the town of Stoughton under the civil service laws (1960, 354)	Nov. 8, 1960	5,389	1,315
Nov. 25	Town Clerk, Watertown	An Act authorizing the submission to the voters of the town of Watertown of the question of increasing the salaries of and establishing a minimum annual salary for fire fighters in said town (1960, 503, s. 2)	Nov. 8, 1960	11,108	7,714
Nov. 25	City Clerk, Woburn	An Act relative to the number, the term of office and the election at large of members of the school committee of the city of Woburn (1960, 174)	Nov. 8, 1960	9,583	3,406
Nov. 25	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act providing for the nomination of members of the city council and school committee of the city of Worcester by preliminary elections and providing for their election by ordinary plurality voting (1960, 176)	Nov. 8, 1960	46,982	30,593
Dec. 2	City Clerk, Boston	An Act making the fire commissioner in the city of Boston an associate traffic commissioner in place of the commissioner of parks and recreation (1960, 755)	Nov. 30, 1960	2	
Dec. 7	Urban Redevelopment Corporation, Boston	An Act concerning the development or redevelopment of blighted open areas, decadent areas and substandard areas by urban redevelopment corporations with special provisions for projects in the city of Boston (1960, 652)	Dec. 5, 1960	8	
Dec. 8	Town Clerk, Barnardston	An Act providing for unlimited tenure of office for the incumbent of the office of district director of veterans services of central Franklin county (1960, 349)	Sept. 19, 1960	3	
Dec. 8	Town Clerk, Erving	An Act providing for unlimited tenure of office for the incumbent of the office of district director of veterans services of central Franklin county (1960, 349)	July 11, 1960	3	
Dec. 8	Town Clerk, Gill	An Act providing for unlimited tenure of office for the incumbent of the office of district director of veterans services of central Franklin county (1960, 349)	Aug. 20, 1960	3	
Dec. 8	Town Clerk, Leverett	An Act providing for unlimited tenure of office for the incumbent of the office of district director of veterans services of central Franklin county (1960, 349)	Sept. 7, 1960	3	
Dec. 8	Town Clerk, Montague	An Act providing for unlimited tenure of office for the incumbent of the office of district director of veterans services of central Franklin county (1960, 349)	June 14, 1960	3	
Dec. 8	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act providing pensions for widows of laborers under the non-contributory pension system (1957, 750)	Dec. 6, 1960	1	
Dec. 16	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Dec. 13, 1960	1	
Dec. 23	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act authorizing the city of Cambridge to grant an annuity of five thousand five hundred dollars to Mary Gorman, widow of Lawrence W. Gorman, or to his children (1960, 806)	Dec. 19, 1960	1	
Dec. 23	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act increasing the non-contributory pensions of certain school janitors and laborers in certain cities and towns (1960, 239)	Dec. 19, 1960	1	
Dec. 27	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act authorizing the city of Springfield to grant an annuity to the widow of Oscar Y. Ganel (1960, 800)	Dec. 19, 1960	1	
Dec. 27	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act authorizing the city of Springfield to appropriate money for the payment of, and to pay, certain unpaid bills (1960, 768)	Dec. 19, 1960	1	
Dec. 27	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act allowing cities and towns to enter into collective bargaining agreements (1960, 561)	Dec. 12, 1960	1	
Dec. 30	Clerks, Children's Aid Association, Inc., Boston	An Act authorizing the consolidation of Children's Aid Association, Inc. and Boston Children's Friend Society, Boston Children's Service Assoc.	Dec. 21, 1960	5	
1961					
Jan. 3	Hampshire County Commissioners	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former employees (1960, 647)	Dec. 30, 1960	6	
Jan. 11	City Clerk, Brockton	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Jan. 9, 1961	1	



Jan. 16	Middlesex County Commissioners	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Jan.	3, 1961	7
Jan. 16	City Clerk, Waltham	An Act increasing the non-contributory pensions of certain school janitors and laborers in certain cities and towns (1960, 239)	Jan.	10, 1961	2
Jan. 16	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act allowing cities and towns to enter into collective bargaining agreements (1960, 561)	Dec.	12, 1960	1
Jan. 20	City Clerk, Everett	An Act authorizing certain political subdivisions of the commonwealth to contribute one half of the cost of certain premiums of insurance of retired employees (1959, 595)	July	29, 1960	4
Jan. 20	City Clerk, Everett	An Act including certain handicapped children and certain children over the age of nineteen who are students in the definition of dependents under the law relative to contributory group general or blanket insurance for persons in the service of political subdivisions of the commonwealth (1960, 214)	July	29, 1960	4
Jan. 20	Town Clerk, Mansfield	An Act authorizing the placing of the office of the fire department of the town of Mansfield under the civil service laws (1960, 711)	Jan.	16, 1961	892
Jan. 20	City Clerk, Melrose	An Act increasing the non-contributory pensions of certain school janitors and laborers in certain cities and towns (1960, 239)	Jan.	18, 1961	4
Jan. 26	Town Clerk, Walpole	An Act authorizing certain political subdivisions of the cost of certain premiums of insurance of retired employees (1959, 595)	Jan.	16, 1961	3
Jan. 26	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Jan.	18, 1961	2
Jan. 27	City Clerk, North Adams	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Jan.	25, 1961	2
Jan. 27	Secretary, Combined Jewish Appeal of Greater Boston, Inc.	An Act to consolidate Combined Jewish Appeal of Greater Boston, Inc. and Associated Jewish Philanthropies, Inc. (1960, 704)	Jan.	26, 1961	9
Jan. 27	Secretary, Associated Jewish Philanthropies, Inc.	An Act to consolidate Combined Jewish Appeal of Greater Boston, Inc. and Associated Jewish Philanthropies, Inc. (1960, 704)	Jan.	26, 1961	10
Jan. 30	Town Clerk Northfield	An Act providing for unlimited tenure of office for the incumbent of the office of district director of veterans services of central Franklin county (1960, 349)	Oct.	17, 1960	3
Feb. 2	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Jan.	10, 1961	1
Feb. 10	Town Clerk, Athol	An Act authorizing certain political subdivisions of the commonwealth to contribute one half of the cost of certain premiums of insurance of retired employees (1959, 395)	Feb.	6, 1961	1,545
Mar. 1	City Clerk, Lynn	An Act authorizing the placing of the office of chief of the fire department of the city of Lynn under the civil service laws and rules (1961, 30)	Feb.	14, 1961	1
Mar. 3	Town Clerk, Edgartown	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Feb.	14, 1961	3
Mar. 7	Town Clerk, Williamstown	An Act authorizing the town of Williamstown to construct and operate a system or systems of sewerage and sewage disposal (1961, 63)	Feb.	20, 1961	1,527
Mar. 8	Town Clerk, Andover	An Act to ascertain the will of the voters of the town of Andover with reference to the flouridation of the town water supply (1961, 65)	Mar.	6, 1961	2,552
Mar. 8	Town Clerk, Dracut	An Act providing life tenure for Raymond P. Daigle, Eugene J. Paquette and Charles K. Panagiotopoulos, incumbents of the office of sergeant of police of the town of Dracut (1961, 17)	Mar.	6, 1961	2,406
Mar. 10	City Clerk, Newburyport	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Mar.	7, 1961	2
Mar. 13	Town Clerk, Auburn	An Act placing the positions of regular or permanent members of the police force of the town of Auburn under the civil service laws (1960, 116)	Mar.	6, 1961	2,097
Mar. 13	Town Clerk, Stow	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Feb.	27, 1961	3

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				Yes	No
1961					
Mar. 14	Town Clerk, Chatham	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Mar. 9, 1961	3	
Mar. 14	Town Clerk, Milton	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Mar. 11, 1961	3	
Mar. 16	Town Clerk, Barnstable	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Mar. 7, 1961	3	
Mar. 16	Town Clerk, Duxbury	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Mar. 11, 1961	3	
Mar. 20	Town Clerk, Avon	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Mar. 7, 1961	3	
Mar. 20	Town Clerk, Granville	An Act authorizing the placing of the office of the veterans' agent in the Western Hampden Veterans' Services District under the civil service laws (1961, 56)	Mar. 6, 1961	23	73
Mar. 20	Town Clerk, Wrentham	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Mar. 13, 1961	3	
Mar. 21	Town Clerk, Marshfield	An Act authorizing the town of Marshfield to pay to the widow of Robert L. Melvin the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he served the remainder of his term as selectman and assessor (1960, 376)	Mar. 13, 1961	466	29
Mar. 21	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act providing tenure of office for Bernard J. Loneragan, deputy election commissioner of the city of Somerville (1961, 157)	Mar. 16, 1961	2	
Mar. 21	Town Clerk, Westwood	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Mar. 6, 1961	3	
Mar. 22	Town Clerk, Canton	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Mar. 20, 1961	3	
Mar. 22	Town Clerk, Dracut	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Mar. 11, 1961	3	
Mar. 22	Town Clerk, Halifax	An Act providing life tenure for the incumbent of the office of highway surveyor of the town of Halifax (1961, 23)	Mar. 11, 1961	316	276
Mar. 22	Town Clerk, Halifax	An Act providing life tenure for the incumbent of the office of chief of police of the town of Halifax (1961, 27)	Mar. 11, 1961	309	286
Mar. 22	City Clerk, Somerville	An Act providing tenure of office for George Mitchell, deputy election commissioner of the city of Somerville (1961, 163)	Mar. 16, 1961	4	
Mar. 22	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act requiring cities and towns to grant annuities to the surviving spouse, or children, of certain officials or employees who have been retired or pensioned under any non-contributory retirement law (1960, 670)	Mar. 13, 1961	1	
Mar. 23	Town Clerk, Orleans	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Mar. 13, 1961	3	
Mar. 24	Town Clerk, Agawam	An Act authorizing the placing of the office of the veterans' agent in the western Hampden veterans' services district under the civil service laws (1961, 56)	Mar. 4, 1961	3	
Mar. 24	Town Clerk, Arlington	An Act authorizing certain political subdivisions of the commonwealth to contribute one half of the cost of certain premiums of insurance of retired employees (1959, 595)	Mar. 6, 1961	4,526	6,117
Mar. 24	City Clerk, Melrose	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Mar. 22, 1961	4	
Mar. 24	Town Clerk, Stoughton	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Mar. 6, 1961	3	
Mar. 24	Town Clerk, Ashland	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Mar. 8, 1961	3	

Mar. 24	Town Clerk, West Springfield	An Act increasing the non-contributory pensions of certain school janitors and laborers in certain cities and towns (1960, 239, s. 2)	Mar.	23, 1961	3
Mar. 24	Town Clerk, West Springfield	An Act providing for widows of laborers under the non-contributory pension system (1957, 750, s. 1)	Mar.	23, 1961	3
Mar. 24	Town Clerk, West Springfield	An Act authorizing the town of West Springfield to see and convey certain park land to James B. Allan and Katherine T. Allan (1960, 397)	Mar.	23, 1961	3
Mar. 24	Town Clerk, West Springfield	An Act authorizing the town of West Springfield to borrow money for the purpose of augmenting its sewerage collecting and disposal system (1961, 120)	Mar.	23, 1961	3
Mar. 24	Town Clerk, West Springfield	An Act authorizing cities and towns to establish conservation commissions to promote the development of natural resources, and to appropriate money therefor (1957, 223)	Mar.	23, 1961	3
Mar. 28	Town Clerk, Manchester	An Act authorizing the town of Manchester to sell and convey certain land to the Amaral-Bailey Post 113, The American Legion, Department of Massachusetts, Inc. (1961, 191)	Mar.	14, 1961	3
Mar. 28	Town Clerk, Manchester	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Mar.	14, 1961	3
Mar. 29	Town Clerk, Concord	An Act authorizing the town of Concord to refund certain taxes erroneously assessed upon and collected from Finley Manufacturing Corp. (1960, 720)	Mar.	13, 1961	3
Mar. 29	Town Clerk, Concord	An Act establishing an historic districts commission for the town of Concord and defining its powers and duties, establishing historic districts in the town of Concord, and providing for historic zoning districts (1960, 345)	Mar.	13, 1961	3
Mar. 29	Town Clerk, Concord	An Act authorizing certain political subdivisions of the commonwealth to contribute one half of the cost of certain premiums of insurance of retired employees (1959, 595)	Mar.	21, 1961	4
Apr. 5	Town Clerk, Easthampton	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Mar.	21, 1961	4
Apr. 5	City Clerk, Holyoke	An Act establishing a minimum annual compensation for fire fighters in certain cities and towns (1958, 621)	May	5, 1959	11
Apr. 11	Town Clerk, Framingham	An Act increasing the amount of pension of certain retired police officers and fire fighters who had not attained age sixty at the time of retirement (1960, 225)	Mar.	20, 1960	3
Apr. 5	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act requiring cities and towns to grant annuities to the surviving spouse, or children, of certain officials or employees who have been retired or pensioned under any non-contributory retirement law (1960, 670)	Apr.	5, 1961	4
Apr. 12	City Clerk, Marlborough	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Apr.	5, 1961	2
Apr. 12	Town Clerk, Saugus	An Act providing that police officers of certain cities and towns shall be given an additional day off duty or, under certain circumstances, an additional day's pay when they are required to work on certain legal holidays (1952, 268)	Apr.	10, 1961	3
Apr. 13	Town Clerk, Andover	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Mar.	11, 1961	3
Apr. 13	Town Clerk, Falmouth	An Act requiring cities and towns to grant annuities to the surviving spouse, or children, of certain officials or employees who have been retired or pensioned under any non-contributory retirement law (1960, 670)	Mar.	6, 1961	3
Apr. 13	Town Clerk, Falmouth	An Act increasing the amount of pensions of certain retired police officers and fire fighters (1957, 427)	Mar.	6, 1961	3
Apr. 13	Town Clerk, Falmouth	An Act to establish a selectmen-manager form of government in the town of Falmouth (1960, 254)	Mar.	14, 1961	1,274
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RETURNS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL COURT—Continued

WHEN RECEIVED	FROM WHOM RECEIVED	TITLE OF ACT	DATE OF ACTION	VOTE	
				Yes	No
1961					
Apr. 13	City Clerk, Worcester	An Act relative to the fee for certain veterans' organizations in the city of Worcester for licenses to sell alcoholic beverages (1961, 195)	Apr. 10, 1961	1	
Apr. 14	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act relative to compensation for overtime service by fire fighters of cities and towns (1956, 206)	Apr. 10, 1961	4	
Apr. 14	Town Clerk, Marblehead	An Act authorizing the town of Marblehead to adopt, amend or repeal certain regulations relative to parking of motor vehicles in said town (1960, 112)	Mar. 14, 1961	3	
Apr. 18	Town Clerk, Marblehead	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Mar. 13, 1961	3	
Apr. 18	Town Clerk, Swampscott	An Act requiring cities and towns to grant annuities to the surviving spouse, or children, of certain officials or employees who have been retired or pensioned under any non-contributory retirement law (1960, 670)			
Apr. 20	Bristol County Commissioners	An Act increasing the amount of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Apr. 4, 1961	3	
Apr. 20	Town Clerk, Norton	An Act providing life tenure for Donald Robinson, incumbent of the office of superintendent of the water department of the town of Norton (1960, 605)	Apr. 18, 1961	12	
Apr. 25	City Clerk, Chelsea	An Act providing for a forty-hour week for police officers of certain cities and towns, and for compensation for overtime service (1956, 349, s. 17C)	Mar. 6, 1961	577	543
Apr. 27	City Clerk, Marlborough	An Act requiring cities and towns to grant annuities to the surviving spouse, or children, of certain officials or employees who have been retired or pensioned under any non-contributory retirement law (1960, 670)	Apr. 19, 1961	4	
Apr. 28	Town Clerk, Southbridge	An Act providing that operators of motor vehicles shall yield the right of way to pedestrians at marked crosswalks, that pedestrians in thickly settled or business districts shall cross a way only in compliance with traffic control signals, the direction of police officers or on certain marked crosswalks and providing penalties for violation thereof (1960, 810)	Apr. 21, 1961	2	
May 1	Town Clerk, Chelmsford	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	Mar. 13, 1961	3	
May 1	Secretary, Infants' Hospital	An Act authorizing the consolidation of The Children's Hospital and The Children's Medical Center, Inc. under the name of The Children's Hospital Medical Center and the consolidation of certain other charitable corporations with The Children's Hospital Medical Center (1959, 283)	Mar. 13, 1961	3	
May 4	Essex County Commissioners	An Act authorizing the construction of a general purpose building and the increasing of the present heating facilities at the Essex County Agricultural School (1961, 387)	Apr. 24, 1961	13	
May 4	City Clerk, Newburyport	An Act authorizing the placing of the office of chief of the fire department of the city of Newburyport under the civil service laws (1961, 352)	Apr. 25, 1961	14	
May 11	City Clerk, Springfield	An Act relative to compensation for overtime service by fire fighters of cities and towns (1956, 206)	May 3, 1961	2	
May 11	Town Clerk, Natick	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	May 8, 1961	1	
May 11	City Clerk, Gardner	An Act authorizing cities and towns to establish local councils for the aging and to appropriate funds therefor (1956, 495)	Mar. 21, 1961	3	
May 12	City Clerk, Boston	An Act further regulating the use of funds received by the city of Boston through its maintenance of cemeteries (1961, 13)	May 1, 1961	1	
May 12	Town Clerk, Bourne	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	May 10, 1961	2	
May 15	Secretary, The Universalist Church of America	An Act authorizing American Unitarian Association and The Universalist Church of America to complete their consolidation (1960, 148)	Mar. 6, 1961	3	
			May 12, 1961	15	



May 15	Secretary, American Unitarian Association	An Act authorizing American Unitarian Association and The Universalist Church of America to complete their consolidation (1960, 148)	May 12, 1961	15
May 19	City Clerk, Lowell	An Act providing that certain policemen and fire fighters eligible for superannuation retirement under the non-contributory retirement system may exercise an option for the benefit of their widows (1961, 71)	May 16, 1961	1
May 26	City Clerk, Waltham	An Act authorizing certain political subdivisions of the commonwealth to contribute one half of the cost of certain premiums of insurance of retired employees (1959, 593)	May 23, 1961	2
June 5	Clerk, The Hillside Universalist Parish of Medford	An Act enabling The Hillside Universalist Parish of Medford, the First Parish in Medford and the First Universalist Society in Medford to complete their consolidation (1961, 273)	Apr. 27, 1961	17
June 5	Clerk, First Parish in Medford	An Act enabling The Hillside Universalist Parish of Medford, the First Parish in Medford and the First Universalist Society in Medford to complete their consolidation (1961, 273)	Apr. 27, 1961	18
June 5	Clerk, First Universalist Society in Medford	An Act enabling The Hillside Universalist Parish of Medford, the First Parish in Medford and the First Universalist Society in Medford to complete their consolidation (1961, 273)	Apr. 27, 1961	19
June 5	City Clerk, Quincy	An Act providing life tenure for the incumbent of the office of assistant city clerk in the city of Quincy (1961, 50)	May 17, 1961	2
June 5	Treasurer-Clerk, Salem and Beverly Water Supply Board	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	June 1, 1961	20
June 7	Clerk, Mystic Society Inc. of Medford	An Act dissolving the Mystic Society Inc. of Medford and the Mystic Church of Medford and authorizing the transfer of their property to the Mystic Congregational Church Incorporated of Medford (1957, 277)	Apr. 16, 1957	21
June 7	Clerk, Mystic Church of Medford	An Act authorizing the town of Wellesley to use land owned by it and situated in the town of Needham for the purpose of increasing its water supply (1961, 459)	Apr. 16, 1957	22
June 7	Town Clerk, Wellesley	An Act relative to the removal of certain persons refusing appointment as permanent full time junior building custodians in any school system in the commonwealth (1961, 378)	May 12, 1961	3
June 8	School Committee, Everett	An Act establishing a department of traffic and parking and a board of traffic and parking in the city of Cambridge (1961, 455)	May 15, 1961	23
June 19	City Clerk, Cambridge	An Act increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees (1960, 647)	June 19, 1961	1
June 22	City Clerk, Revere	An Act extending the time for acceptance by any county, city, town or district of the veterans retirement law, so called (1961, 297)	June 19, 1961	1
June 22	Board of Selectmen, South Hadley	An Act providing for the promulgation of uniform rules and regulations to govern gas fitting in buildings throughout the commonwealth (1960, 737)	Mar. 29, 1961	3
June 28	Town Clerk, Tyngsborough	An Act to change the name of American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to United Church Board for World Ministries (1960, 178)	June 19, 1961	3
June 29	Secretary, The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions		June 29, 1961	24

<sup>1</sup>Accepted by the city council.

<sup>2</sup>Accepted by the mayor and city council.

<sup>3</sup>Accepted by unanimous vote.

<sup>4</sup>Accepted by the mayor and board of aldermen.

<sup>5</sup>Accepted by Children's Aid Association, Inc., Boston Children's Friend Society and Boston Children's Service Association.

<sup>6</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Hampshire County.

<sup>7</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Middlesex County.

<sup>8</sup>Accepted by the Urban Redevelopment Corp. of Boston.

<sup>9</sup>Accepted by Combined Jewish Appeal of Greater Boston, Inc.

<sup>10</sup>Accepted by Associated Jewish Philanthropies, Inc.

<sup>11</sup>Accepted by Board of Aldermen.

<sup>12</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Bristol County.

<sup>13</sup>Accepted by Infants' Hospital.

<sup>14</sup>Accepted by the county commissioners of Essex County.

<sup>15</sup>Accepted by Universalist Church of America.

<sup>16</sup>Accepted by American Unitarian Association.

<sup>17</sup>Accepted by The Hillside Universalist Parish of Medford.

<sup>18</sup>Accepted by the First Parish in Medford.

<sup>19</sup>Accepted by the First Universalist Society in Medford.

<sup>20</sup>Accepted by Salem and Beverly Water Supply Board.

<sup>21</sup>Accepted by the Mystic Society Inc. of Medford.

<sup>22</sup>Accepted by the Mystic Church of Medford.

<sup>23</sup>Accepted by the School Committee of Everett.

<sup>24</sup>Accepted by The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

# RETURNS FROM CITIES AND TOWNS RELATIVE TO ACTION TAKEN UNDER CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL LAWS

WHEN RECEIVED	CITY OR TOWN	SUBJECT AND REFERENCE	ACTION	DATE OF ACTION
1960				
July 3	Gloucester	Establishment of a planning board, G.L. 41, ss. 81A-81J.	Accepted	June 23, 1960
July 7	Andover	Advances of vacation pay to officers and employees of cities and towns, 1945, 635, s. 3 (G.L. 44, s. 65)	Accepted	June 29, 1960
July 8	Conway	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G.L. 139, ss. 1-3	Accepted	June 6, 1960
July 8	Conway	Building limits in towns, G.L. 143, ss. 4-5	Accepted	June 6, 1960
July 29	Springfield	Providing pensions for widows of laborers under the non-contributory pension system, 1957, 750 (G.L. 32, s. 77A)	Accepted	July 25, 1960
Aug. 22	Marlborough	Authorizing the use of facsimile counter-signatures on bonds, notes and certificates of indebtedness issued by certain cities, 1957, 58 (G.L. 44, s. 16A)	Accepted	Aug. 17, 1960
Sept. 9	Malden	Fire fighters of certain cities and towns to be given an additional day off duty or an additional day's pay when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1953, 640 (G.L. 147, s. 17A)	Accepted	Sept. 8, 1960
Sept. 9	Melrose	Contributory group life, accident, hospitalization, medical and surgical insurance for persons in service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents, G.L. 32B, as amended	Accepted	Sept. 8, 1960
Sept. 19	Newburyport	Establishing conservation commission, 1957, 223 (G.L. 40, s. 8C)	Accepted	Sept. 8, 1960
Nov. 1	Hamden	Providing for absent voting at regular town elections, G.L. 54, ss. 86-103	Accepted	Sept. 6, 1960
Nov. 14	Gay Head	Contributory retirement systems for cities and towns, G.L. 32, ss. 1-28, as amended	Accepted	Sept. 21, 1960
Nov. 14	Malden	Establishing salaries of certain mayors, city councilors and aldermen, 1952, 259 (G.L. 39, s. 6A)	Rejected	Nov. 8, 1960
Nov. 15	Milton	Establishing salaries of certain mayors, city councilors and aldermen, 1952, 259 (G.L. 39, s. 6A)	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1960
Nov. 16	Grafton	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, G.L. 48, s. 58B	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1960
Nov. 16	Belmont	Licensed operation on the Lord's Day of bowling alleys, 1946, 207, s. 3 (G.L. 136, s. 4B)	Rejected	Nov. 10, 1960
Nov. 16	Beverly	Forty-eight hour week for permanent members of the fire department, G.L. 48, s. 58B	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1960
Nov. 16	Beverly	Establishing salaries of certain mayors, city councilors and aldermen, 1952, 259 (G.L. 39, s. 6A)	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1960
Nov. 16	Woburn	Establishing salaries of certain mayors, city councilors and aldermen, 1952, 259 (G.L. 39, s. 6A)	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1960
Nov. 21	Marlborough	Authorizing the use of facsimile counter-signatures on bonds, notes and certificates of indebtedness issued by certain cities, 1957, 58 (G.L. 44, s. 16A)	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1960
Nov. 28	Marlborough	Relative to assessment systems in cities and towns, 1955, 649 (G.L. 58, s. 7A)	Accepted	Nov. 8, 1960
Nov. 29	Pittsfield	Establishing conservation commission, 1957, 223 (G.L. 40, s. 8C)	Accepted	Mar. 29, 1960
Dec. 26	Lincoln	Providing for absent voting at regular town elections, G.L. 54, s. 103A	Accepted	Nov. 25, 1960
Dec. 27	New Bedford	Contributory group life, accident, hospitalization, medical and surgical insurance for persons in service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents, G.L. 32B, as amended	Accepted	Dec. 13, 1960
Dec. 29	Wilbraham	Relative to the licensed operation on the Lord's Day of bowling alleys, 1946, 207, s. 3 (G.L. 136, s. 4B)	Accepted	Dec. 23, 1960
1961				
Jan. 3	Marlborough	Authorizing cities and towns to appropriate money for a stabilization fund, G.L. 40, s. 5B	Accepted	Dec. 27, 1960
Jan. 18	North Andover	Establishing conservation commission, 1957, 223 (G.L. 40, s. 8C)	Accepted	Jan. 16, 1961
Jan. 19	Worcester	Relative to the licensing and supervision of dancing schools, so called, 1959, 253 (G.L. 140, s. 195H)	Accepted	Jan. 16, 1961
Jan. 20	Everett	Establishing a minimum annual compensation for police officers in certain cities and towns, 1959, 228 (G.L. 41, s. 108E)	Accepted	Dec. 27, 1960
Mar. 8	Belchertown	Relative to the crossing of certain ways by pedestrians, 1960, 810 (G.L. 90, s. 20B)	Accepted	Feb. 6, 1961
Mar. 8	Belchertown	Providing for a higher minimum salary for public school teachers, 1959, 602 (G.L. 71, s. 40)	Accepted	Feb. 6, 1961
Mar. 8	Dracut	Contributory group life, accident, hospitalization, medical and surgical insurance for persons in service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents, G.L. 32B, as amended	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1961
Mar. 9	Sterling	Contributory group life, accident, hospitalization, medical and surgical insurance for persons in service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents, G.L. 32B, as amended	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1961
Mar. 13	Auburn	Relative to the establishment of police departments in certain towns, G.L. 41, s. 97A	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1961
Mar. 14	Carlsle	Providing for a higher minimum salary for public school teachers, 1959, 602 (G.L. 71, s. 40)	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1961
Mar. 14	Frammingham	Providing for a higher minimum salary for public school teachers, 1959, 602 (G.L. 71, s. 40)	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1961

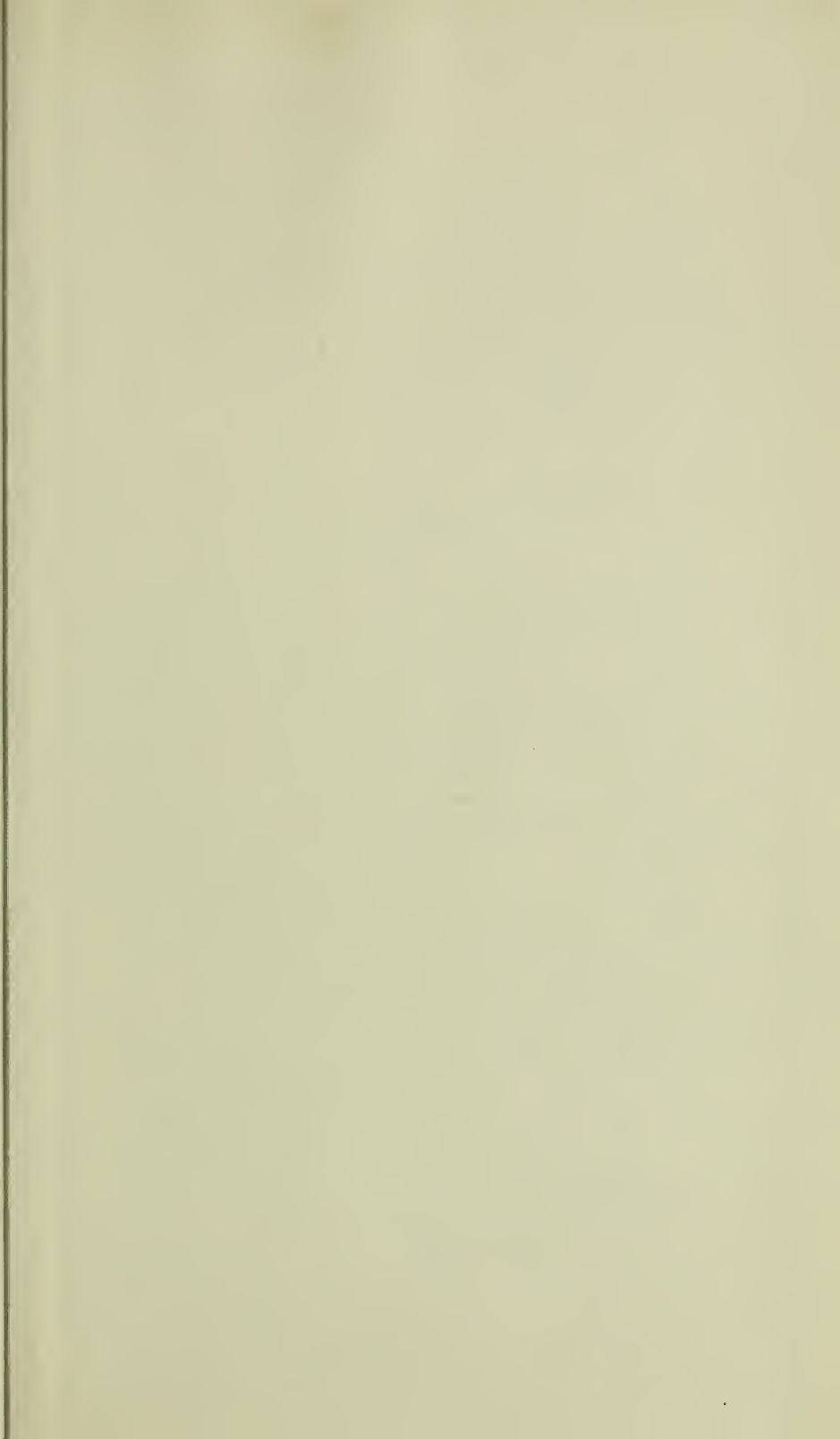
Mar. 14	Walpole	Providing for a higher minimum salary for public school teachers, 1959, 602 (G.L. 71, s. 40)	Accepted	Jan. 16, 1961
Mar. 14	Walpole	Certain sports and games permitted on the Lord's Day, G.L. 136, ss. 21-25	Accepted	Jan. 16, 1961
Mar. 16	Barnstable	Contributory group life, accident, hospitalization, medical and surgical insurance for persons in service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents, G.L. 32B, as amended	Rejected	Mar. 7, 1961
Mar. 16	Duxbury	Establishment of a fire department under the control of the chief of the fire department, G.L. 48, ss. 42, 43, 44	Accepted	Mar. 11, 1961
Mar. 20	Hanson	Cities and towns to establish conservation commissions, 1957, 223, s. 1 (G.L. 40, s. 8C)	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1961
Mar. 20	Hanson	Relative to the appointment of inspectors of wires in cities, towns and districts, 1949, 529 (G.L. 166, s. 32)	Accepted	Mar. 8, 1961
Mar. 20	Whitman	Fire fighters of certain cities and towns to be given an additional day off duty or an additional day's pay when required to work on certain legal holidays, 1955, 640 (G.L. 48, s. 57A)	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1961
Mar. 21	Marshfield	Relative to the establishment of police departments in certain towns, G.L. 41, s. 97A	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1961
Mar. 21	Marshfield	Establishment of commissions to promote business and industry in cities and towns, G.L. 40, s. 8A, as amended	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1961
Mar. 21	Marshfield	Cities and towns to establish conservation commissions, 1957, 223, s. 1 (G.L. 40, s. 8C)	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1961
Mar. 21	Marshfield	Contributory group life, accident, hospitalization, medical and surgical insurance for persons in service of a county, city, town or district, and their dependents, G.L. 32B, as amended	Accepted	Mar. 11, 1961
Mar. 21	Marshfield	Providing for a higher minimum salary for public school teachers, 1959, 602 (G.L. 71, s. 40)	Accepted	Mar. 11, 1961
Mar. 21	West Brookfield	Relative to the temporary filling of vacancies in the offices of election officers, G.L. 54, s. 16A, as amended.	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1961
Mar. 21	Westwood	Providing for a higher minimum salary for public school teachers, 1959, 602 (G.L. 71, s. 40)	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1961
Mar. 22	Canton	Establishment of a fire department under the control of the chief of the fire department, G.L. 48, ss. 42, 43, 44	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1961
Mar. 22	Canton	Providing for the adjustment of certain grievances of certain employees of cities and towns, G.L. 40, s. 21B	Accepted	Mar. 20, 1961
Mar. 22	Canton	Authorizing cities and towns to establish salary plans for certain employees thereof, 1947, 540 (G.L. 41, s. 108A)	Accepted	Mar. 20, 1961
Mar. 22	Canton	Relative to rules and regulations promulgated in connection with compensation plans for municipal officers and employees and municipal personnel standardization, 1954, 295 (G.L. 41, 108C)	Accepted	Mar. 20, 1961
Mar. 22	Westwood	Removal of snow and ice from private ways, G.L. 40, s. 6C	Accepted	Mar. 20, 1961
Mar. 22	Dracut	Cities and towns to establish conservation commissions, 1957, 223, s. 1 (G.L. 40, s. 8C)	Accepted	Mar. 13, 1961
Mar. 22	Dracut	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G.L. 139, ss. 1-3	Accepted	Mar. 11, 1961
Mar. 22	Halifax	Providing for a higher minimum salary for public school teachers, 1959, 602 (G.L. 71, s. 40)	Accepted	Mar. 11, 1961
Mar. 22	Leicester	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G.L. 139, ss. 1-3	Accepted	Mar. 11, 1961
Mar. 22	Stoughton	Relative to the appointment of inspectors of wires in cities, towns and districts, 1949, 529 (G.L. 166, s. 32)	Accepted	Mar. 18, 1961
Mar. 28	Brookton	Granting time off without loss of pay to delegates to the state convention of the Associated Fire Fighters of Massachusetts AFL-CIO, G.L. 48, s. 57B	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1961
Mar. 24	West Springfield	Providing for a higher minimum salary for public school teachers, 1959, 602 (G.L. 71, s. 40)	Accepted	Mar. 27, 1961
Mar. 30	Chelmsford	Contributory group life, accident, hospitalization, medical and surgical insurance for persons in service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents, G.L. 32B, as amended	Accepted	Feb. 20, 1961
Mar. 31	Springfield	Granting time off without loss of pay to delegates to the state convention of the Associated Fire Fighters of Massachusetts AFL-CIO, G.L. 48, s. 57B	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1961
Apr. 3	Quincy	Regulating hours of employment of city and town employees, 1950, 653 (G.L. 149, s. 33B)	Accepted	Mar. 27, 1961
Apr. 5	Easthampton	Cities and towns to establish conservation commissions, 1957, 223, s. 1 (G.L. 40, s. 8C)	Accepted	Mar. 25, 1961
Apr. 7	Melrose	Increasing the non-contributory pensions of certain laborers, 1960, 239 (G.L. 32, s. 77B)	Accepted	Apr. 5, 1961
Apr. 7	Melrose	Authorizing cities and towns to establish insurance funds to pay workmen's compensation, G.L. 40, s. 13A	Accepted	Apr. 5, 1961
Apr. 7	Waltham	Contributory group life, accident, hospitalization, medical and surgical insurance for persons in service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents, G.L. 32B, as amended	Accepted	Apr. 5, 1961
Apr. 11	Framingham	Cities and towns to establish conservation commissions, 1957, 223, s. 1 (G.L. 40, s. 8C)	Accepted	Mar. 28, 1961
Apr. 13	Falmouth	Cities and towns to establish conservation commissions, 1957, 223, s. 1 (G.L. 40, s. 8C)	Accepted	Mar. 27, 1961
Apr. 14	Norfolk	Cities and towns to establish conservation commissions, 1957, 223, s. 1 (G.L. 40, s. 8C)	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1961
Apr. 18	Swampscott	Cities and towns to establish conservation commissions, 1957, 223, s. 1 (G.L. 40, s. 8C)	Accepted	Mar. 14, 1961
Apr. 20	Norton	Making of repairs on private ways by cities and towns, 1953, 386 (G.L. 40, s. 6F)	Accepted	Apr. 4, 1961
Apr. 20	Shrewsbury	Cities and towns to establish conservation commissions, 1957, 223, s. 1 (G.L. 40, s. 8C)	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1961
Apr. 20	Wellesley	Cities and towns to establish conservation commissions, 1957, 223, s. 1 (G.L. 40, s. 8C)	Accepted	Apr. 10, 1961



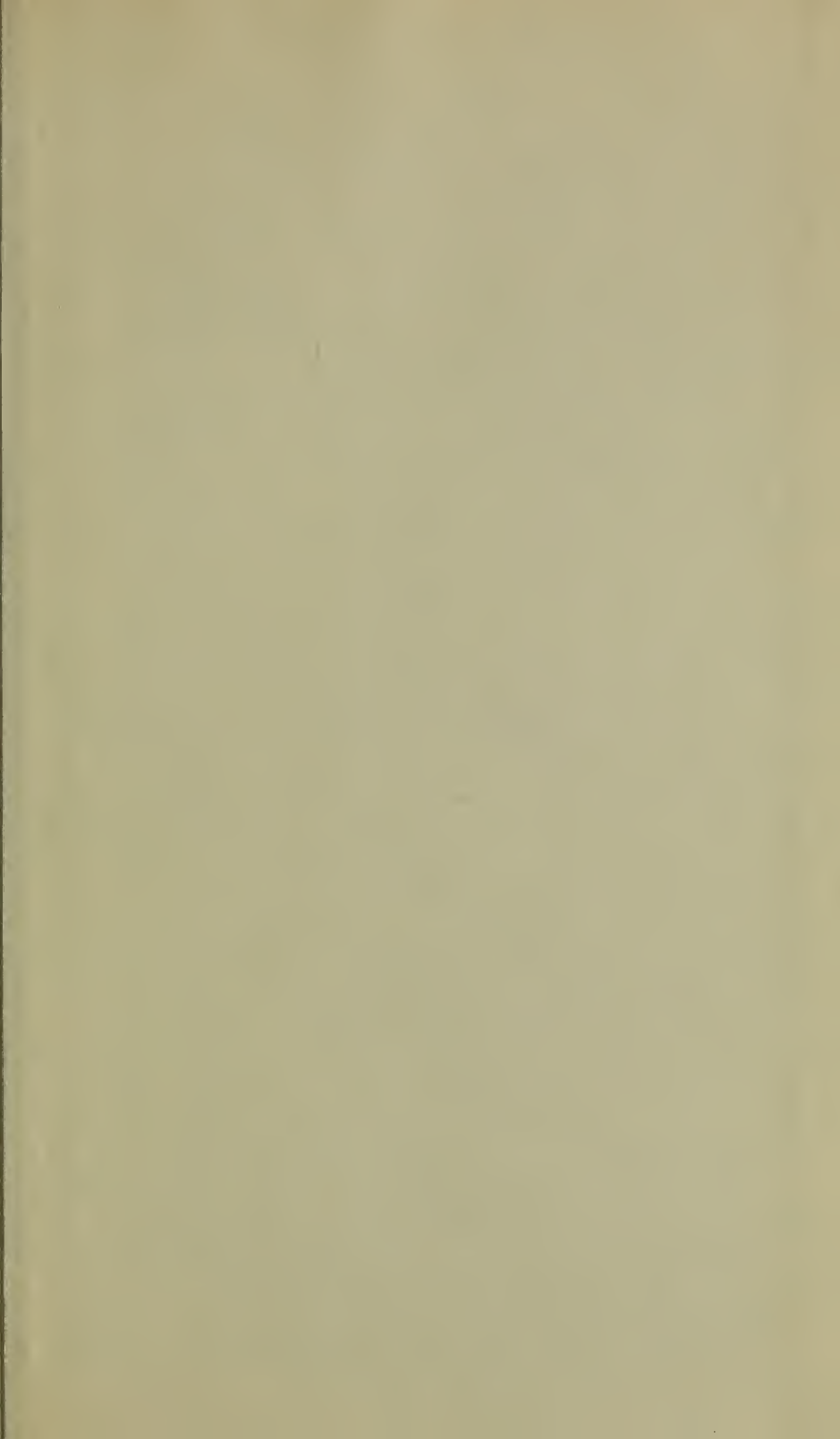
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WHEN RECEIVED	CITY OR TOWN	SUBJECT AND REFERENCE	ACTION	DATE OF ACTION
1961				
Apr. 21	Westfield	Authorizing cities and towns to grant annuities to the surviving spouse, or children, of certain officials or employees, G.L. 32, s. 95A	Accepted	Apr. 18, 1961
Apr. 24	Dudley	Contributory group life, accident, hospitalization, medical and surgical insurance for persons in service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents, G.L. 32B, as amended	Accepted	Mar. 11, 1961
May 12	Bourne	Cities and towns to establish conservation commissions, 1957, 223, s. 1 (G.L. 40, s. 8C)	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1961
May 12	Bourne	Establishment of municipal airport commissions in cities and towns G.L. 90, s. 51E	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1961
June 12	Norwell	Contributory group life, accident, hospitalization, medical and surgical insurance for persons in service of a county, city, town or district and their dependents, G.L. 32B, as amended	Accepted	Mar. 11, 1961
June 12	Norwell	Cities and towns to establish conservation commissions, 1957, 223, s. 1 (G.L. 40, s. 8C)	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1961
June 12	Norwell	Providing for the establishment of a regional school district, together with the town of Lanesborough, G.L. 71, ss. 16-161, as amended	Accepted	Mar. 6, 1960
June 12	Norwell	Requiring cities and towns and districts to indemnify fire fighters assigned to special duty for certain expenses or damages, G.L. 41, s. 100	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1960
June 12	Norwell	Disposition of burnt or dangerous buildings, G.L. 139, ss. 1-3	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1960
June 12	Norwell	Creating a stabilization fund, G.L. 40, s. 5B	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1960
June 12	Norwell	Members of the police department placed within the classified civil service, G.L. 31, s. 48, as amended	Accepted	Mar. 7, 1959
June 12	Norwell	Establishment of commissions to promote business and industry in cities and towns, G.L. 40, s. 8A, as amended	Accepted	Sept. 21, 1959
June 12	Norwell	Relative to assessment systems in cities and towns, G.L. 58, ss. 7A-7E	Accepted	Mar. 9, 1959









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